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TOWN HALL OFFICE HOURS

Accounting		**Deborah Mero**
Tuesday & Wednesday	9:00 am - 5:00 pm	ext. 11
Friday	9:00 am - noon	
Administrative Assistant		**Susan Draves**
Monday - Thursday	9:00 am - 5:00 pm	ext.15
Friday	9:00 am - noon	
Assessors Office		**Carol Holden**
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday	8:00 am - 3:00 pm	ext. 18
Wednesday	8:00 am - 2:00 pm	
	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	
Friday	Closed	
Board of Health Clerk		**Nancy Mayberry**
Wednesday	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	ext. 17
Building Inspector		**James Hawkins**
Tuesday & Thursday	6:00 pm - 7:30 pm	ext. 22
Tax Collector/Treasurer		**Barbara Brassor**
Monday	9:00 am - 3:00 pm	ext. 13
Wednesday	9:00 am - 3:00 pm	
	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	
Town Clerk		**Gail V. Zukowski**
Monday & Tuesday	8:00 am - 4:00 pm	ext. 12
Wednesday (2nd)	8:00 am - 4:00 pm	
Wednesday (1st, 3rd, 4th)	8:00 am – noon	
	5:00 pm - 8:00 pm	
Town Secretary		**Michele Turner**
Monday through Thursday	8:00 am - 4:00 pm	ext. 10
Friday	8:00 am - 2:30 pm	
Senior Center		**Dianne Salls**
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday	8:00 am – 3:00 pm	ext. 14

TOWN BOARDS / COMMITTEES
CHAIRS & MEETING TIMES

Board of Assessors	**Eugene L'Etoile**	**498-2968**
1st & 3rd Wed 7 pm		
Board of Health	**Kathryn Bridges**	**498-5783**
2nd & 4th Thurs 7 pm		
Board of Library Trustees	**Jon McGowan**	**498-2854**
1st Tues 7 pm Library		
Board of Selectmen	**Chadwick Glover**	**498-2863**
Each Tues 7 pm Town Hall (except for summer session, every 2 wks)		
Conservation Commission	**William Llewelyn**	**498-5869**
3rd Wed 7:30 pm		
Council on Aging	**Mary Jane Porter**	**498-5766**
3rd Thurs 9 am		
Cultural Council	**Jeanne Sisson**	**498-2227**
As needed		
Historical Commission	**Marie Ferré**	**498-4599**
2nd Thurs 7:30 pm		
Finance Committee	**Lois Stearns**	**498-2216**
2nd Mon 7 pm		
Planning Board	**Matthew Bazzani**	**498-4490**
2nd Wed 7 pm		
PVRS District Committee	**Patricia Shearer**	**498-2092**
Recreation Commission	**Stephen Bachinski**	**498-2093**
2nd Tues 7 pm		
Sewer Commission	**Dan Gray**	**498-5116**
1st Wednesday of the month		
Zoning Board of Appeals	**Edward Shearer**	**498-2730**
As needed (usually 2nd Mon 7 pm)		

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

The duties of the Board of Selectmen are many and varied and include everything from issuing licenses to hiring staff to authorizing contracts for the purchase of supplies and services. Among the most important duties of the Board is appointing members to various boards and committees. These members undertake Northfield's governance, community development, and strategic planning efforts. What follows is a list of some of the short-term subcommittees, and their duties, that the Board appointed in 2004:

Northfield Mount Hermon School (NMH) Transition Committee: In response to the announcement that NMH will consolidate operations to the Gill campus, the Board of Selectmen appointed the NMH Transition Committee to study the impact of the consolidation and to help the town plan for the future.

Agricultural Commission Exploratory Committee: The Agricultural Commission Exploratory Committee was appointed to determine if the town can benefit from an Agricultural Commission. If approved by Town Meeting in May 2005, the Commission will assist the town in planning for agriculture and agricultural land use in Northfield.

Emergency Services Committees: The *EMS Study Committee* was appointed to determine the best way to provide emergency medical service to the residents of Northfield and the framework for providing that service. The *Emergency Services Facility Committee* was appointed to determine the feasibility of creating space at the site of the Fire Department, or other sites, to provide additional room for Northfield Rescue, the Fire Department and the Police Department.

Open Space and Recreation Plan Committee: The Open Space and Recreation Plan Committee was appointed to create an Open Space and Recreation Plan for the town. With the assistance of planning staff from the FRCOG, the Committee began developing an Open Space and Recreation Plan for adoption by Town Meeting. The Plan will develop conservation and recreation goals and will include an analysis of the town's natural resources, identify open space and recreation needs and outline a five-year action program with specific recommendations.

Local Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan Committee: With the assistance of the FRCOG, the Northfield Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan Committee completed a Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan. The Plan emphasizes actions that can be taken before natural disasters such as flooding, storms, high winds, hurricanes, wildfires, earthquakes, etc. occur. The Plan includes a mitigation program that addresses Northfield's unique geography, demography, economy, and land uses within the context of each specific potential natural hazard that may threaten the community.

Another important role of the Board of Selectmen is to initiate and carryout special projects and initiatives. In 2004 the Board undertook the following:

Sustainable Development: With the assistance of the FRCOG, the Board worked with the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission to complete and submit a Commonwealth Capital application to the Office of Commonwealth Development. Beginning in FY 2005 municipalities seeking funding through certain state grant programs are required to complete the Commonwealth Capital application. The application is part of a Commonwealth Development policy to ensure that state funded projects are consistent with the current Administration's Sustainable Development Principles.

Economic Development: The Board of Selectmen submitted two project profiles to be included in the 2005 Greater Franklin County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Plan. The Plan is a prioritized listing of regionally significant economic development planning and construction projects. One of the proposed projects, the Northfield Large Commercial/Light Industrial Site Feasibility Study, is a combined engineering, feasibility and market analysis study to determine if it is feasible to locate light industrial or large commercial land uses such as an office park, a retail business over 5,000 square feet

or a facility conducting materials testing, scientific research or assembly work on two parcels of land deemed potentially suitable for those uses by the Northfield EO 418 Community Development Committee.

The Northfield Main Street Revitalization Project is a comprehensive community development project aimed at increasing economic development activities in downtown Northfield, enhancing the historic and cultural resources of the town, improving livability of downtown and providing accessible and pedestrian safe sidewalks and crossings. The project involves restoring approximately three miles of sidewalks in what has historically been the commercial, residential and public heart of Northfield. The design for the project is being funded by a grant from the Federal Highway Administration National Scenic Byways Program.

Main Street Safety: As a result of a tragic fatal accident on Main Street, the Board of Selectmen met with officials from the Massachusetts Highway Department. At the Board's urging the Department agreed to immediately install new signs and repaint crosswalks. The Board agreed to supplement grant funds for the Main Street Revitalization Project to provide additional design work for safety improvements in the Main Street/Warwick Road intersection.

Handicapped Accessibility: Providing handicapped access to Town buildings is a high priority of the Board of Selectmen. In 2004 the Board met several times with the Dickinson Memorial Library Trustees to discuss the Town's application to the Community Development Block Grant program to fund an architectural barrier removal project that will provide accessibility to the Library for handicapped people.

Open Space and Resource Protection: With the assistance of the FRCOG, the Board of Selectmen applied for a Water Quality Management Planning Grant from the 604(b) Program. The grant will fund a comprehensive assessment of the Four Mile Brook watershed to inventory potential sources of pollution and develop a Watershed Management and Restoration Plan which includes specific recommendations for prioritized restoration and/or mitigation projects.

Class 3 Motor Vehicle Junk License Review: The Board undertook a comprehensive examination of Class 3 Motor Vehicle Junk Licenses, researching legal requirements of license holders and meeting on site with each Class 3 license holder. In December the Board met in public session with the license holders and interested residents to discuss each license and to receive public comment.

Road and Street Planning: In 2004 the Board continued its regular meetings with Superintendent of Streets Tom Walker to plan strategy for upgrading and maintaining town roads. The Board focused its efforts on plans to upgrade Four Mile Brook Road and Old Wendell Road and assisted with the paperwork necessary for the Highway Department to install a box culvert on Old Wendell Road.

Personnel Policies and Procedures: The Board of Selectmen is responsible for maintaining and administering the Town's Personnel Policy. They also serve as the appointing authority for certain staff positions. In 2004 the Board carried out its annual update of the policy and welcomed the following individuals to Town service: Tom MacDonald, Electrical Inspector; Rory Shippa, Highway Department Foreman; Jay Nelson, Building and Grounds Maintenance Technician; Eric Vassar, Driver/Laborer; Tony Streeter, Custodian; Gail Zukowski, Board of Selectmen Secretary (job share).

The Board of Selectmen wishes to thank the talented and dedicated employees and volunteers who made 2004 another successful year for the Town.

Respectfully submitted

Chadwick T. Glover
John G. Spanbauer
Bonnie Tucker. L'Etoile
Susan Draves, Administrative Assistant

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT, CEMETERIES AND TREES

Highways: With an early start to winter the streets were plowed, kept cleared, maintained and opened through the winter season. The potholes were patched during the winter months. Once spring started the plows and sanders were repaired and painted to be put away until next winter season. The trucks and equipment were thoroughly checked and repaired for any thing that may be needed for them to run properly for the summer season. The roads were graveled and grated, ditches were cleaned and the broken culvert's replaced.

As the summer approached, we ground and resurfaced St. Mary's Street as well as Pine Street. There was black top placed for the final product on both roads. Approximately 3 miles of road have been oiled and stoned with other roads to be done in the future.

The other big project done this summer was a box culvert on Old Wendell Road. On this road we extended approximately 750 feet of road and drainage. On Four Mile Brook Road approximately 500 feet of road improvements were done, such as gravel, drainage and widening the road. There was also roadside mowing done during July through September. A new guardrail was replaced on West Northfield Rd, Railroad Station Rd and Old Wendell Rd. We helped to assist in the placement of the new fence at the Northfield Elementary School playground.

During the month of October we were notified of the bridge in West Northfield as being damaged. After further inspection it was determined the bridge was unsafe and needed to be closed. The bridge is still closed indefinitely until further repairs can be made. We received several loads of gravel from the State of Massachusetts for the repair of Caldwell Road. The state was able to truck the gravel onto Caldwell Rd, so that the crew could spread and grade the road for a safer travel of the residents who live on West Northfield Rd and Railroad Station Rd.

I would like to extend my thanks to Bob Beaubien, Mike Sibley, Ken Trask and the two new employees hired this summer, Rory Shippa and Eric Vassor. Their hard work and long hours are greatly appreciated. I would also like to thank Greg Kingsbury our summer help for all that he did and his hard work.

Town Cemeteries: The dead trees were removed, leaves were cleaned and the lawns mowed. The shrubs were trimmed and pruned back. Several lots were repaired, loamed and seeded from the winter months. Several new stones were installed, as well as several sales of lots. I would like to extend my thanks to Richard Bassett, Roger Bassett, Ed Bassett and to their help for always doing a job well done

Trees: Annual spring brush pick up in Northfield served approximately 60 to 70 town residents. Several old dead trees had to be removed. There were several hazardous limbs removed from trees, which were overhanging on side streets. Trimming of trees and brush on the roadsides and corners was completed for better vision and safety of traffic.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Walker, Superintendent of Streets

BUILDING INSPECTOR

The value of property built, renovated or remodeled during 2004 was $ 4,635,881. The fees collected amounted to $ 23,850.80 representing 135 permits.

Respectfully submitted,

James Hawkins, Building Inspector

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

A high point of the year was the culmination of the 3-year effort to place the Center Cemetery on the National Register of Historic Places. The official certificate is dated November 13, 2004.

The Commission has given support to the efforts to preserve the Schell Memorial Bridge. The Day of History program was a presentation by Tony Jewell giving history and relevance of the Schell Bridge. The Town Meeting vote authorized a year's study by the Picker Engineering Ptrogram of Smith College with the Commission to act as the liaison between the Smith students and the town's Board of Selectmen.

Other areas of concern: Support for the Library's Preservation Survey Grant proposal. Review of the historic documents housed in the Town Hall vault. On site visits to King Phillip's Hill where trees had been cut from public property by the new owner adjacent property. Involvement in the preservation of the historic character of Main Street included letters to MassHighway urging reduction of the speed limit.

The Commission oversaw 2 visits by conservator Fred Oakley to the Center Cemetery. Eight damaged stones have been successfully repaired. This work is to be continued in the coming year.

Marie Booth Ferré, Chair
Historical Commission

DOG OFFICER

Dogs Destroyed:	0
Loose Dogs Returned to Owner or Taken to the Kennel:	21
Nuisance Dogs:	19
Dogs Reported Missing:	15
Dogs Reported Found and Kept by the Finder:	2
Dogs Reported Running Deer:	0
Dogs Killed by Cars:	1
Dogs Hit by Cars & Taken to the Vet or Returned to Owner:	1
Missing and Found cats:	6
Abused, Unfed or Not Cared for Animals:	2
Loose Horses:	1

It has been our pleasure to again be working closely with the Dakin Animal Shelter in Leverett for the stray or unclaimed dogs that we have picked up.

Polly Severance

NORTHFIELD CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Northfield LCC met to review grant proposals and disperse funds on November 18, 2004 at the Northfield Town Hall. Members able to attend this meeting included: Jeanne Sisson, Chairperson, Barbara Bowen, John Foster, Steve Hussey, Barbara Lemoine, and Chuck Levin, Louise Matney, Maureen Moore, Tom White and Cate Woolner.

Jeanne opened the meeting by welcoming all current and new board members, while expressing regret that it would be Barbara Bowen's and Steven Hussey's last meeting after six years of service. Jeannie expressed the need to recruit additional board members, and her desire to move on from the chairperson's role in the future. The council jobs where divided amongst the existing members; Jeanne and Maureen, Co-Chairing, Barbara, Secretary, John and Maureen to write denial letters, and Chuck to write approval letters.

The Northfield LCC was granted $2,000.from the Massachusetts Cultural Council for the 2005 funding cycle, with an additional $552.00 remaining from outstanding unfulfilled grants, that left a total of $2,552.00 to disperse for the upcoming grant cycle of 2004. A total of 26 applications were submitted to the Cultural Council for consideration. The Cultural Council granted either partial or full funding, to 11 applicants.

The LCC granted the following applications for FY 2004: (P-partial funding; F-full funding)

Northfield Elementary School	Celebrate South America	$500.	F
Dickinson Memorial Library	Amandala Community Concert	250.	F
Pioneer Valley Reg. School	Culture in Action Program	300.	P
PASS N.E.S.	Ecotarium Field Trip 4th gr.	156.	P
Sharon Weyers	N. E. S. Drama Club	100.	F
Northfield Historical Society	Ice Cream Social	200	P
Seeds of Solidarity Ed. Ctr.	N. Quabbin Garlic & Arts Fest.	200.	P
Northfield After School Pro.	Birds of Prey	175.	F
First Parish Church	Sunday Concert Series	200.	F
Maureen Moore	Publishing "The Equinox"	250.	F
Slate Roof Poets	Collective Press	200.	F
Total		$2531.	
Total with Administrative Funds	of $21.00	$2552.	

After reviewing grant applications other discussion included:

Should the Cultural Council seek additional funding from the town of Northfield? What would that entail? Should the Council have a poster highlighting sponsored events displayed at the town hall or at town meetings? Though it is not the responsibility of the Council to do the advertising for the grant recipient, (MCC rules state that the grant recipient is responsible, and must prove that they advertised for their project or event) how can the community be better informed?

Maureen Moore volunteered to be the Northfield Newsletter liaison for the Cultural Council throughout the year. An ad seeking new members for the Council could be included in the next newsletter, as well as recent council activity.

Since our November 2004 meeting the Northfield Cultural Council has lost members Maureen Moore, Louise Matney, Steve Hussey and Barbara Bowen due to resignation or expiration of terms. We are actively seeking new members! Please contact Jeanne Sisson at 498-2227 or jeanne@dragon-heart.com.

TOWN CLERK

VITAL STATISTICS

It has been strongly recommended by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Vitals and Statistics that the names and dates of births, marriages and deaths be eliminated from Town Reports. This action should help prevent identity theft. This information, as always, is still available at the Town Clerk's office. Thank you for your understanding.

Births	Marriages	Deaths
30	15	18

DOG LICENSES

MALE /FEMALE	91
SPAYED FEMALE/NEUTERED MALE	548
KENNEL (4 DOGS)	3
KENNEL (10 DOGS)	3
KENNEL (MORE THAN 10 DOGS)	2
BY LAW VIOLATIONS/LOOSE DOGS	$2380

Fish and Game Sales

RESIDENT FISHING	19
RESIDENT FISHING MINOR	6
RESIDENT FISHING HANDICAPPED	8
NON-RESIDENT FISHING	7
NON-RESIDENT FISHING 3 DAY	1
RESIDENT TRAPPING	2
RESIDENT CITIZEN HUNTING	2
RESIDENT HUNTING AGE 65 - 69	1
NON-RESIDENT HUNTING BIG GAME	8
NON-RESIDENT HUNTING SMALL GAME	3
RESIDENT SPORTING	12
RESIDENT SPORTING AGE 65 - 69	1
RESIDENT CITIZEN SPORTING AGE OVER 70	14
DUPLICATE HUNTING	1
ARCHERY STAMP	8
WATERFOWL STAMP	6
PRIMITIVE FIREARMS STAMP	16
WILDLIFE CONS. STAMP RESIDENT	43
WILDLIFE CONS. STAMP NON- RESIDENT	19

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

March 2, 2004

At the time and place called by the warrant, the polls were opened at 7:00 a.m. Three hundred and seventy nine votes were cast with the following results;

Democratic: Three hundred and forty five ballots were cast with the following results:

Presidential Preference

Vote for One

or

No Preference

Richard Gephardt		1
Joseph Lieberman		3
Wesley K. Clark		2
Howard Dean		17
Carol Moseley Braun		0
John Edwards		57
Dennis J. Kucinich		54
John F. Kerry		204
Lyndon H. LaRouche Jr.		0
Al Sharpton		3
No Preference		1
Michael Henry	Write – in	1
Blank		2

State Committee Man

Vote for One Man

Joseph A. Gochinski		84
William R. Rosen		63
John J. Stobierski		106
No preference	Write – in	1
Blank		91

State Committee Woman

Vote for One Woman

Mary L. Ford		257
	Write – in	0
Blank		88

Town Committee

Vote for Not more than Six

or

Group

Group	194
Robin Conley	231
Stephanie A. Keep	220
John P. Cevasco	225
Lucille E. Dahlman	238

Elizabeth A. Congdon	257
Leon G. Lacroix	220
Blank	679

Green-Rainbow: One ballot was cast with the following result:

Presidential Preference
Vote for One
or
No Preference

Kent Mesplay	0
Lorna Salzman	0
Paul Glover	1
David Cobb	0
No Preference	0
Write - in	0
Blank	0

State Committee Man
Vote for One Man

Andrew Smith	Write – in	1
Blank		0

State Committee Woman
Vote for One Woman

Blank	1
Write - in	0

Town Committee
Vote for Not more than Ten

Blank	10
Write - in	0

Libertarian: One ballot was cast with the following result:

Presidential Preference

Vote for One
or
No Preference

Jeffrey Diket	0
Ruben Perez	0
Aaron Russo	0
Michael Badnarik	0
Gary Nolan	0
No Preference	1
Write – in	0
Blank	0

State Committee Man
Vote for One Man

Write – in	0
Blank	1

State Committee Woman
Vote for One Woman

Write - in	0
Blank	1

Town Committee
Vote for Not more than
Three

Write – in	0
Blank	3

Republican: Thirty-two ballots were cast with the following results:

Presidential Preference
Vote for One
or
No Preference

George W. Bush	22
No Preference	6
Write – in	0
Blank	4

State Committee Man
Vote for One Man

Francis M. Edmonds	6
Isaac James Mass	15
Joseph V. Ricco	8
Write – in	0
Blank	3

State Committee Woman
Vote for One Woman

Cheryl A. Nicholas	27
Write – in	0
Blank	5

Town Committee
Vote for Not more than
Twenty-five
Or
Group

Ray McIsaac	Write - in 1

Group	0
Blank	799

The polls closed at 8:00 p.m.
Registered Voters --- 2003
Votes Cast --- 379
Voter Turnout --- 19%

Election Workers	
Jane Abbott	Election Worker
Edwin Finch	Clerk
Alice Fortier	Election Worker
Edward Fortier	Election Worker
Betty Gibson	Election Worker
Ruth Johnson	Election Worker
Christine McCollester	Election Worker
Teresa Penniman	Election Worker
Marcella Racine	Election Worker
Robin Severance	Warden
Deborah Taricano	Election Worker
Lisa Walker	Election Worker

A True Copy Attest:

Gail V. Zukowski
Town Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
Special Town Meeting Minutes
May 3, 2004

The Special Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator Thomas Shearer at 7:09 p.m., at Pioneer Valley Regional School. Moderator Thomas Shearer led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The "Rules of Debate" were read by Moderator Thomas Shearer, vote taken to adopt rules and passed by unanimous voice vote. One hundred and sixty two registered voters were present and voted on the following articles:

Article 1. PASSED / MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
Move that the Town vote to waive the reading of the Warrant and the Notice to the Constables and act on the motions of the following articles.

Article 2. PASSED / MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
Move that the Town vote to **transfer** from **"Free Cash" $1,865.74** to supplement Article 7 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 5, 2003 **to pay the interest on short-term debt.**

Article 3. PASSED / MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

Move that the Town vote to **transfer** from **"Free Cash" $4,466.26** to supplement Article 7 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 5, 2003 for the FY 2004 **Pioneer Valley Regional School Building Project** assessment.

Article 4. PASSED / UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE (9/10th vote required)
Move that the Town vote to **transfer** from **"Free Cash" $82.00** to pay a bill of a prior year for the **Highway Department**.

Article 5. PASSED / MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
Move that the Town vote to **transfer from the "Computers 5/03" account $1,000.00** to purchase **computer equipment for the Highway Department**.

Article 6. PASSED / MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
Move that the Town vote to **transfer** from the FY 2004 budgets of the Planning Board $125.00, Board of Assessors $125.00, Building Inspector $62.50, Board of Selectmen $125.00 and ZBA $62.50 and $2,000 from "Free Cash" for a total of **$2,500 to update the Town's zoning maps.**

Article 7. PASSED / MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
Move that the Town vote to **transfe**r from **"Free Cash" $2,900** to **purchase** a palm-held **computer/camera and software** and associated maintenance agreement for the **Board of Assessors**.

Article 8. PASSED / MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
Move that the Town vote to **transfer** from **"Free Cash" $10,000.00** to **replace/repair slate tiles** and seal terra-cotta hip capping, as necessary, and carry out associated work at the **Dickinson Memorial Library**.

Article 9. DEFEATED / MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
Move that the **Town accept** the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53 F½ of the Massachusetts General Laws, to allow the **Northfield Sewer Commission to establish** the sewer as an **Enterprise Fund** effective fiscal year 2005.

The Special Town Meeting was dissolved by Moderator Thomas Shearer at 7:31 p.m.

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

Gail V. Zukowski

Town Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
Annual Town Meeting Minutes
May 3, 2004

The Annual Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator Thomas Shearer at 7:32 p.m., at Pioneer Valley Regional School. The "Rules of Debate" were read by Moderator Thomas Shearer, vote taken to adopt rules and passed by unanimous voice vote. One hundred and sixty two registered voters were present to vote on the following articles;

Article 1. PASSED / MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
Move that the Town vote to waive the reading of the Warrant and the Notice to the Constables and act on the motions of the following articles.

Article 2. PASSED / MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
Move that the Town vote to hear and act upon the reports of the several Town Officers, Boards, Committees, Commissions and Trustees.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the efficient administration of Town affairs is achieved through the largely voluntary assumption of official responsibilities by elected or appointed officers combined with the loyal and faithful service of salaried employees, and,

WHEREAS certain persons have during the calendar year of 2003 concluded periods of service during which they have made substantial contributions to the public weal,

BE IT RESOLVED that the names and nature of service by the following named persons be herewith noticed and recorded in the minutes of this Annual Town Meeting of 2004 in grateful recognition of their work on behalf of the Town:

Bd. of Trustees of Soldiers Monuments / Vet	Charlie Field
Cable TV Advisory Committee	Eileen Dowd, Judy Radebaugh
Community Development Committee	Margaret Daniels, Douglas Reid, Margaret Walker
Conservation Commission Assistant	Helen Adams
Council on Aging	Joanne Balzarini
Election Workers	Mary Taferner, Richard Taferner, Jo Ann Newton
EMT'S Northfield Rescue	Sean Eaton
Fire Department	Timothy Dirth, Devin Odenbaugh
Franklin Cnty. Solid Waste Management Dist.	David Kaczenski
Franklin Tech. School Representative	Albert Stone
Graves Officer	Charlie Field
Highway Dept. Foreman/Driver/Laborer	Tom Bergeron
Highway Dept. Summer Laborer	Eric Vassar
Historical Commission	Alice Fortier
Library Trustee	Ron Willert, Kathleen Nutter
Main Street Revitalization Committee	Kyp Wasiuk
Non Partisan Caucus Committee	Eileen Dowd, Joanne Gardner, Carolyn Olsen
Part-time Police Officer	Sean Eaton, Jason Carney
Planning Board	Don Campbell
Senior Center Director	Joanne Balzarini
Town Secretary	Marilyn Gallant Gabriel
Waste Water Treatment Operator (Part-Time)	Bob Miner
Zoning Board of Appeals Assistant	Helen Adams

Article 3. PASSED / MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
Move that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to **accept** from any association, agency, proprietorship, corporation, enterprise, individual, etc., **a sum or sums of money, or other gift for the benefit of the Town** or any of its departments, etc.

Article 4. PASSED / MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
Move that the Town vote to **authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for state or federal grants**, and to expend any monies received, as set forth in the appropriate grant application

Article 5. PASSED / MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
Move that the Town vote to **accept** and expend any sum or sums of money that may be available from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (Massachusetts Highway Department) for **Chapter 90**-type construction/improvements/reconstruction of public ways and associated equipment; and authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into contracts relative thereto, and to appropriate said sum or sums in anticipation of reimbursement from the Commonwealth.

Article 6. PASSED / MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
Move that the Town vote to approve that, **upon exceeding the levy limit**, any monies appropriated that exceed the Town Finance Committee recommendation under Article 7, or any other article of this Fiscal Year 2005 Annual Town Meeting, may be contingent upon the **approval by the voters of an "Override of Proposition 2 ½."**

Motion from the Floor: PASSED / MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
Move to take up Article 19 at this time.

Article 7. * PASSED AS AMENDED / MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
Move that the Town vote, under the provisions of the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 41, Section 108, or any amendments thereto, to **fix the salaries of all elected officials for Fiscal Year 2005**, and **raise and appropriate any sum or sums** therefore, and further raise and appropriate any sum or sums of money **for the maintenance of the several departments of the Town**, and for other necessary charges, in accordance with the amount recommended by the Finance Committee as shown in Money Column 3 of the Warrant.

*** Amendment –" P.V.R.S. opr. Assess." To Read $2,886,476.00**

				APPROPRIATION FY2004	REQUESTED FY2005	FINANCE COMM RECOMMENDS
MODERATOR SALARY				1.00	1.00	1.00
MODERATOR EXPENSE				80.00	80.00	80.00
SELECTMEN SALARIES				4789.00	4884.00	4884.00
	2004	2005req	2005rec			
	1659.00	1692.00	1692.00			
chairman						
others	1565.00	1596.00	1596.00			
SELECTMEN EXPENSE				10000.00	10931.00	10931.00
ADMIN ASST SALARY				42779.00	43635.00	43635.00
ADMIN ASST EXPENSE				820.00	820.00	820.00

SECRETARY SALARY	27601.60	28215.00	28215.00
FINANCE COMM EXPENSE	1300.00	1300.00	1300.00
RESERV E FUND	10000.00	10000.00	10000.00
ACCOUNTANT SALARY	19534.00	19925.00	19925.00
ACCOUNTANT EXPENSE	335.00	335.00	335.00
ASSESSORS SALARIES	5376.00	4484.00	4484.00

	2004	2005req	2005rec
chairman	1868.00	1572.00	1572.00
others	1754.00	1456.00	1456.00

ASSESSORS CLERK SALARY	27166.00	27709.00	27709.00
ASSISTANT ASSESSOR	5070.00	5288.00	5288.00
ASSESSORS EXPENSE	10870.00	10870.00	10870.00
TREASURER SALARY	8936.00	9115.00	9115.00
TREASURER EXPENSE	3000.00	3000.00	3000.00
TAX COLLECTOR SALARY	8936.00	9115.00	9115.00
TAX COLLECTOR EXPENSE	5000.00	5000.00	5000.00
TOWN LEGAL COUNSEL	15000.00	15000.00	15000.00
COMPUTER SUPPLY/SERVICE	6728.00	7415.00	7415.00
TAX TITLE FORECLOSURE	2300.00	2300.00	2300.00
COPY MACHINE SUPPL/SERVICE	2300.00	2300.00	2300.00
TOWN CLERK SALARY	20311.00	20717.00	20717.00
TOWN CLERK EXPENSE	1685.00	3270.00	3270.00
ELECTIONS & REGISTRATIONS	5250.00	5175.00	5175.00
CONSERV COMMISSION	1698.00	1720.00	1720.00
PLANNING BOARD	1345.00	1016.00	1016.00
ZONING/APPEALS BOARD	2828.00	2869.00	2869.00
LAND DAMAGES	1.00	1.00	1.00
TOWN HALL CUSTODIAN	10139.00	10915.00	10915.00
CUSTODIAN EXPENSE	100.00	100.00	100.00
BLDG MAINT PERSON	30848.00	31465.00	31465.00
BLDG MNT PER EXPENSE	1700.00	1700.00	1700.00
TOWN HALL MAINT	20600.00	26800.00	23800.00
TOWN REPORTS	3000.00	3000.00	3000.00
TOWN CLOCK	0.00	150.00	150.00

TOTAL				317426.60	330620.00	327620.00
POLICE WAGES & SALARIES				165594.00	170288.00	170288.00
	2004	2005req	2005rec			
chief	49512.00	50502.00	50502.00			
sergeant	39962.00	40761.00	40761.00			
third ofcr	29408.00	31378.00	31378.00			
P.T. wages	26575.00	27107.00	27107.00			
holiday	3303.00	3369.00	3369.00			
O.T. wages	7886.00	8044.00	8044.00			
Quinn Bill	8948.00	9127.00	9127.00			
POLICE OPER EXPENSE				22025.00	22150.00	22150.00
FIRE DEPT SALARIES				4199.00	4283.00	4283.00
	2004	2005req	2005rec			
chief	2219.00	2263.00	2263.00			
frst fire warden	445.00	454.00	454.00			
pub safety ofcr	223.00	227.00	227.00			
fire dept secy	295.00	301.00	301.00			
asst. chief	452.00	461.00	461.00			
captain	226.00	231.00	231.00			
lieut	339.00	346.00	346.00			
FIRE DEPT WAGES				30660.00	31273.00	31273.00
FIRE DEPT OPER EXP				11000.00	11850.00	11850.00
HOSE & EQUIPMENT				7500.00	8000.00	8000.00
INSPECTION FEES				2000.00	2000.00	2000.00
HYDRANTS				5460.00	5460.00	5460.00
MAINT FIRE STATION				9500.00	9500.00	9500.00
FIREPONDS/WATERHOLES				3000.00	3000.00	3000.00
EMT WAGES & SALARIES				12008.00	12248.00	12248.00
EMT EXPENSE				4900.00	6540.00	6540.00
BLDG INSPECTOR SALARY				20134.00	20537.00	20537.00
BLDG INSPECTOR EXPENSE				2590.00	2590.00	2590.00
GAS INSPECTION				1500.00	1500.00	1500.00
WIRE INSPECTION				13575.00	10000.00	10000.00
CIVIL DEFENSE				900.00	900.00	900.00
DOG OFFICER SALARY				2587.00	2639.00	2639.00
DOG OFFICER				1450.00	1450.00	1450.00

EXPENSE			
TREE DEPT WAGES & EXPENSE	8500.00	8500.00	8500.00
CONSTABLES WAGES	646.00	743.00	743.00
CONSTABLES EXPENSE	30.00	30.00	30.00
FENCE VIEWERS, ETC	1.00	1.00	1.00
TOTAL	329759.00	335482.00	335482.00
*			
P.V.R.S. – OPER ASSMNT see amendment above			
PVRS-OPER ASSMNT	2608365.46	2886476.00	2738784.00
PVRS-BLDG PROJ ASSESSMENT	310255.03	318052.05	318052.05
PVRS-TCHRS SALARY DEFERRAL	4536.47	4536.47	4536.47
FRKLN CTY TECH SCHOOL-OPER ASSMNT	221993.00	211569.00	211569.00
FRKLN CTY TECH SCHOOL-CAPTL ASSMNT	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	3145149.96	3420633.52	3272941.52
TOTAL AS AMENDED			**3420633.52**
HWY SUPT EXPENSE	6480.00	6480.00	6480.00
HIGHWAY & SNOW REMOVAL WAGES	177272.00	189370.00	189370.00
HWY, BRIDGES & RAILS	125000.00	125000.00	125000.00
OILING & STONING	60000.00	60000.00	60000.00
HIGHWAY TOOLS	1200.00	1200.00	1200.00
SNOW REMOVAL EXPENSE	51800.00	51800.00	51800.00
STREET LIGHTS	12750.00	13000.00	13000.00
MACHINERY MAINTENANCE	74000.00	74000.00	74000.00
MAINT HIGHWAY GARAGE	4000.00	6000.00	6000.00
HWY BOUNDS,SURVEY,LISTS	1.00	1.00	1.00
SOLID WASTE DISTRICT	5122.00	5566.00	5566.00
WASTE DISPOSAL	141750.00	136204.00	136204.00
SEWER COMM SALARIES	1210.00	1234.00	1234.00
SEWER COMM EXPENSE	67.00	67.00	67.00
SEWER DEPT COLLECTOR	595.00	607.00	607.00
SEWER DEPT	55544.00	57187.00	57187.00

WAGES			
OP & MAINT SEWER PLANT	67071.00	67071.00	67071.00
CEMETERY WAGES & EXPENSE	3746.00	4200.00	4200.00
TOTAL	787608.00	798987.00	798987.00
BD OF HEALTH SALARIES	2014.00	2054.00	2054.00
BD OF HEALTH EXPENSE	5383.00	5607.00	5607.00
PLUMBING INSPECTOR	5000.00	5000.00	5000.00
SHARED HEALTH AGENT	8416.00	8626.00	8626.00
SEPTIC SYSTEM INSP FEES	2250.00	2750.00	2750.00
ANIMAL INSPECTOR	1600.00	1750.00	1750.00
COUNCIL ON AGING	12706.00	18334.00	14104.00
SOLDIERS RELIEF	2500.00	2500.00	2500.00
TOTAL	39869.00	46621.00	42391.00
DICKINSON LIBRARY WAGES	74407.00	77641.00	77641.00
DICKINSON LIBRARY EXP	32900.00	30550.00	30200.00
NFLD FARMS LIBRARY	500.00	500.00	500.00
RECREATION COMM	7590.00	6690.00	6690.00
REC COMM TRAINING & RECOGNITION	0.00	500.00	250.00
REC PROGRM DIRECTOR	3231.00	3296.00	3296.00
MAINT ATHLETIC FIELD	2000.00	2000.00	2000.00
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	368.00	375.00	375.00
MEMORI AL DAY	1450.00	1500.00	1500.00
ALEXANDER HALL	340.00	340.00	340.00
FRCOG ASSESSMENT	22859.00	27549.00	27549.00
VETERANS DISTRICT	4429.00	4429.00	4429.00
TOTAL	150074.00	155370.00	154770.00
MATURING DEBT-PRIN	219322.00	220861.00	220861.00

	2004	2005
	20000.00	20000.00
sewer(bnds 1/92)		
sch (bnds	170000.00	170000.00

1/92)					
	29322.00	30861.00			
sewer(bn ds 7/93)					
INT ON LONG TERM DEBT			97579.00	85020.00	85020.00
	2004	2005			
	7940.00	6780.00			
sewer(bn ds 1/92)					
sch (bnds 1/92)	67490.00	57630.00			
	22149.00	20610.00			
sewer(bn ds 7/93)					
INT ON SHORT TERM DEBT			3000.00	3000.00	3000.00
TOTAL			319901.00	308881.00	308881.00
COUNTY RETIREMENT			92919.00	119248.00	119248.00
WORKERS COMP INSURANCE			7500.00	8000.00	8000.00
UNEMPLOYMENT			6500.00	4000.00	4000.00
HEALTH INSURANCE			122075.00	157664.00	145976.00
LIFE INSURANCE			1600.00	1600.00	1600.00
MEDICARE/FICA			22000.00	18000.00	18000.00
OTHER INSURANCE			62000.00	63000.00	63000.00
TOTAL			314594.00	371512.00	359824.00
GRAND TOTAL			5404381.56	5768106.52	5600896.52
GRAND TOTAL AS AMENDED					**5748588.52**

Article 8. PASSED / UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE (2/3 rd vote required)
Move that the Town vote to **amend the Protective Regulations Bylaw** for the Town of Northfield as follows.

Article 9.02 In the fourth line, add the phrases "common access" and "access-not-through frontage" so that the sentence will read, in part, "...exempting such land from the lot area, frontage, setback, common access, and access not-through frontage requirements of Article VII...."

Article 9.02.01. Insert the language below as paragraphs 10 and 11, so that the current paragraph 10 will now become paragraph 12.

"10. A common drive may serve two or more lots that comply with the lot requirements of Section 9.02. In addition, the drive shall conform to Section 7.03.1 except that the subgrade and traveled surface width shall be not less than sixteen (16) feet on any portion of a common drive."

"11. Lots may have access-not-through frontage, so long as such access-not-through frontage provides adequate access for emergency vehicles and safe access for other vehicles entering and exiting the lot, and is in keeping with the considerations of Article IX."

Article 9. PASSED / MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
Move that the Town vote to **raise and appropriate $1,500.00** to provide funds for additional wages and/or expenses **for the Town Accountant to set up a fixed asset accounting system.**

Article 10. PASSED / MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
Move that the Town vote to **raise and appropriate $6,500.00 to purchase a copier for the Town Hall.**

Article 11. PASSED / MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
Move that the Town vote to **raise and appropriate $150,000.00** which sum shall be contingent upon the approval by the voters of a Proposition 2 ½ Capital Outlay Expenditure Exclusion **to purchase a 10 wheel dump truck with sander and snow plow for the Highway Department** and dispose of the 1996 Ford F350 truck and the 1997 Ford F350 truck.

Article 12. PASSED / MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
Move that the Town vote to **raise and appropriate $12,000.00** to upgrade the **boiler system** at the **Northfield Elementary School**.

Article 13. MOVED "TAKE NO ACTION ON ARTICLE 13" PASSED / MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
Move that the Town vote to **raise and appropriate $200.00** for expenses related to the **Cable TV** and **Electronic Communications Committee**.

Article 14. PASSED / MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
Move that the Town vote to **raise and appropriate $17,500.00** to provide the required monetary match for Assistance to Firefighters Grant from the Department of Homeland Security **to refurbish Engine # 3 as a rescue vehicle for the Fire Department**.

Article 15. PASSED / MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
Move that the Town vote to **raise and appropriate $5,000.00** for the **interim revaluation of property** in the Town of Northfield as mandated by the Department of Revenue.

Article 16. DEFEATED / MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
Move that the Town vote to **raise and appropriate $4,000.00** to conduct research and/or a survey to **establish the correct mapping in West Northfield**.

Article 17. PASSED / MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
Move that the Town vote, in accordance with Chapter 140, Section 172 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to **transfer $4,375.00 from the "Dog Fund"** account to supplement the **Dickinson Memorial Library** operating budget for the purpose of paying the annual fee to be a member of the regional library system.

Article 18. PASSED / MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
Move that the Town vote to **raise and appropriate $130.00** to supplement the Dickinson Memorial Library operating budget to **purchase materials for the Library.**

Article19. MOVED "TAKE NO ACTION ON ARTICLE 19" PASSED / MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
Move that the Town vote to **appropriate the following sums for the sewer enterprise**, to be raised from department receipts.

SEWER COMM SALARIES	$1,234.00
SEWER COMM EXPENSE	67.00
SEWER DEPT COLLECTOR	607.00
SEWER DEPT WAGES	57,187.00
OP & MAINT SEWER PLANT	67,071.00
EMERGENCY RESERVE	5,000.00
sub-total	$131,166.00

Article 20. MOVED "TAKE NO ACTION ON ARTICLE 20" PASSED / MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
Move that the Town vote to **raise and appropriate**, transfer for the available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of **money for the Stabilization Fund/Account.**

Article 21. PASSED / MAJORITY VOICE VOTE (2/3rd vote required)
Move that the Town vote to instruct the **Assessors to transfer $141,500.00** from the **Stabilization Fund and $300,000.00 from Free Cash** for the purpose of **reducing the Tax Levy** for **Fiscal Year 2005.**

Article 22. PASSED AS AMENDED / MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
Submitted by Petition
Move: To see if the Town will **vote to allow an engineering study** under the direction of the Northfield Historical Commission and the Select Board to explore options for rehabilitation of the **Schell Bridge** for non-motorized, recreational use.

There being no further business to come before the Town, the Annual Town Meeting was dissolved by Moderator Thomas Shearer at 9:14 p.m.

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

Gail V. Zukowski
Town Clerk

Annual Town Election
Northfield, Massachusetts
May 4, 2004

At the time and place set forth in the Warrant, the polls were opened at 8:00 a.m. Six hundred and seventy two votes were cast with the following results;

Board of Selectmen
Three year term
Vote for One

Alana Gadreault	327
Bonnie Tucker L'Etoile	333
Write – In Votes	3
Blanks	9

Board of Assessor
Three year term
Vote for One

Eugene L'Etoile	513
Write – In Votes	2
Blanks	157

Constable
Three year term
Vote for not more than Three

David R. Brassor	561
James B. O'Shea	541
John Ware	517
Write – In Votes	0
Blanks	396
David R. Brassor	561
James B. O'Shea	541
John Ware	517
Write – In Votes	0
Blanks	396

Constable Northfield Farms
Three year term
Vote for One

Fredd M. Fuller	
Write – In Votes	
Blanks	

Board of Health
Three year term
Vote for not more than Two

Kathryn H. Bridges	424
Pamela J. Veith	342
Thomas Walker	403
Write – In Votes	0
Blanks	175

Board of Library Trustees
Three year term
Vote for not more than Two

Margot Fleck	519
Janet L. Wood	540
Write – In Votes	1
Blanks	284

Board of Library Trustees
Two year term
Vote for One
(To fill Vacancy)

Jennifer Tufts	546
Write – In Votes	0
Blanks	126

Planning Board
Five year term
Vote for One

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Write – In Votes	39
Blanks	633

Planning Board
Four year term
Vote for One
(To fill Vacancy)

Thomas J. Geser	507
Write – In Votes	5
Blanks	160

Recreation Commission
One year term
Vote for One

Deborah J. Taricano	396
Michael S. Porter	182
Write – In Votes	0
Blanks	94

Board of Sewer Commissioners
Two year term
Vote for One
(To fill Vacancy)
**

Write – In Votes	23
Blanks	649

Trustee of Soldier's Memorials Veteran
Two year term
Vote for One
(To fill Vacancy)

Paul H. Carpenter	595
Write – In Votes	1
Blanks	76

Recreation Commission
Three year term
Vote for not more than Three

Stephen W. Bachinski	498
Ferne Bork	474
David R. Adams	498
Write – In Votes	5
Blanks	541

Board of Sewer Commissioners
Three year term
Vote for One

Dan A. Gray	547
Write – In Votes	7
Blanks	118

Trustee of Soldier's Memorials Veteran
Three year term
Vote for one

Daniel Ryan	563
Write – In Votes	0
Blanks	109

Trustee of Soldier's Memorials Non – Veteran
Three year term
Vote for One

Eleanor S. Deane	587
Write – In Votes	3
Blanks	82

** **Failure to Elect** – resulting in a vacancy for that position
The polls were closed at 8:00 p.m.
Registered Voters --- 2048
Votes Cast --- 672
Voter Turnout --- 33%

Election Workers

Jane Abbott	Election Worker
Edwin Finch	Election Clerk
Alice Fortier	Election Worker
Edward Fortier	Election Worker
Betty Gibson	Election Worker
Ruth Johnson	Election Worker
Christine McCollester	Election Worker
Marcella Racine	Election Worker
Robin Severance	Warden
Lisa Walker	Election Worker

Special Municipal Election
Northfield Massachusetts
July 14, 2004

Question No. 1

Shall the Town of Northfield be allowed to assess an additional $150,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of purchasing a ten wheel dump truck with sander and snow plow for the Highway Department for the fiscal year beginning July first two thousand and four?

Yes	No	Blank
193	209	1

Question No. 2

Shall the Town of Northfield be allowed to assess an additional $147,692.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding the Pioneer Valley Regional School operating assessment for the fiscal year beginning July first two thousand and four?

Yes	No	Blank
229	172	2

At the time and place set forth in the Warrant, the polls were opened at 8:00 a.m. Four hundred and three votes were cast with the following results;

The polls were closed at 8:00 p.m.
Weather --- Sunny, Warm --- 84 degrees
Registered Voters --- 2059
Votes Cast --- 403
Voter Turnout --- 20%
A True Copy

Attest: _____

Gail V. Zukowski
Town Clerk

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

STATE PRIMARY

Tuesday, September 14, 2004

At the time and place set forth in the Warrant, the polls were opened at 7:00 a.m.
One hundred and forty two votes were cast with the following results:

Democratic Party: One hundred and nineteen ballots were cast with the following results;

Representative in Congress
First District
Vote for One

John W. Olver	113
Blanks	6
Write-In	0

Councillor
Eight District
Vote for One

Isaac BenEzra	12
Michael D. Bissonnette	2
Timothy J. Rooke	4
Peter Vickery	99
Blank	2
Write-In	0

Senator In General Court
Hampshire & Franklin District
Vote for One

Stanley C. Rosenberg	116
Blank	3
Write-In	0

Representative In General Court
Second Berkshire District
Vote for One

Denis E. Guyer	93
Blank	26
Write-In	0

Sheriff
Franklin County
Vote for One

Frederick B. MacDonald	99
Blank	20
Write-In	0

Green – Rainbow Party: Zero ballots were cast

Representative in Congress
First District
Vote for One

Blank	0
Write-In	0

Councillor
Eight District
Vote for One

Blank	0
Write-In	0

Senator in General Court
Hampshire & Franklin District
Vote for One

Blank	0
Write-In	0

Representative in General Court
Second Berkshire District
Vote for One

Blank	0
Write-In	0

Sheriff
Franklin County
Vote for One

Blank	0
Write-In	0

Libertarian Party : Zero votes were cast:

Representative in Congress
First District
Vote for One

Blank	0
Write-In	0

Councillor
Eight District
Vote for One

Blank	0
Write-In	0

Senator in General Court
Hampshire & Franklin District
Vote for One

Blank	0
Write-In	0

Representative in General Court
Second Berkshire District
Vote for One

Blank	0
Write-In	0

Sheriff
Franklin County
Vote for One

Blank	0
Write-In	0

Republican Party: Twenty three ballots were cast with the following results;

Representative in Congress
First District
Vote for One

Blank	23
Write-In	0
	0

Councillor
Eight District
Vote for One

Blank	23
Write-In	0
	0

Senator in General Court
Hampshire & Franklin District
Vote for One

James D. Miller	23
Blank	0
Write-In	0

Representative in General Court
Second Berkshire District
Vote for One

Richard S. Stockwell	21
Blank	2
Write-In	0

Sheriff
Franklin County
Vote for One

Blank	19
Write-In	4

The polls were closed at 8:00 p.m.
Registered Voters --- 2114
Votes Cast --- 142
Voter Turnout --- 7%
A True Copy
Attest:_____

Gail V. Zukowski
Town Clerk

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
STATE ELECTION
Northfield, Massachusetts
November 2, 2004

At the time and place set forth in the warrant, the polls were opened at 8:00 a.m. One thousand seven hundred and forty one votes were cast with the following results:

ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT
Vote for One

Badnarik and Campagna	Libertarian	11
Bush and Cheney	Republican	581
Cobb and LaMarche	Green-Rainbow	12
Kerry and Edwards	Democratic	1127
Blank		6
Write-in		4

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS
First District
Vote for One

John W. Olver	Democratic	1402
Blank		323
Write-in		16

COUNCILLOR
Eight District
Vote for One

Peter Vickery	Democratic	1088
Aaron Bennie Wilson	Independent	391
Blank		260
Write-in		2

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT
Hampshire & Franklin District
Vote for One

Stanley C. Rosenberg	Democratic	1257
James D. Miller	Republican	380
Blank		104
Write-in		0

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT
Second Berkshire District
Vote for One

Denis E. Guyer	Democratic	1024
Richard S. Stockwell	Republican	479
Blank		237
Write-in		1

SHERIFF
Franklin County
Vote for One

Frederick B. MacDonald	Democratic	1161
Robert A. Hunter, Sr.	Unenrolled	433
Blank		147
Write-in		0

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Franklin County
Vote for One

Ann H. Banash		1289
Blank		448
Write-in		4

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Bernardston
Vote for One

Blank		1725
Write-in		16

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Leyden
Vote for not more than Two

Mary Glabach		1234
Blank		2239
Write-in	Margaret Kaeppel	6
Other		3

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Northfield
Vote for not more than Two

Jed Proujansky	912
Patricia Shearer	1227
Blank	1340
Write-in	3

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Warwick
Vote for not more than Two

Linda Gale	1152
Blank	2325
Write-in	5

Question #1
This question is not binding

Yes	1264
No	279
Blank	198

The polls were closed at 8:00 p.m.

Election Workers:

Jane Abbott	Election Worker
Edwin Finch	Clerk
Alice Fortier	Election Worker
Edward Fortier	Election Worker
Betty Gibson	Election Worker
Ruth Johnson	Inspector
Linda Leavis	Election Worker
Christine McCollester	Election Worker
Robin Severance	Warden
Deborah Taricano	Election Worker
Lisa Walker	Election Worker

Registered Voters: 2188
Votes Cast: 1741
Voter Turnout: 80%

Attest: Gail V. Zukowski
Town Clerk

Special Town Meeting
Northfield Massachusetts
November 29, 2004

The Special Town meeting was called to order by Moderator Thomas Shearer at 7:00 p.m., at the Northfield Town Hall. Moderator Thomas Shearer led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The "Rules of Debate" were read by Moderator Thomas Shearer. Forty six registered voters were present and voted on the following articles:

Article 1. PASSED/ UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
Move that the Town vote to waive the reading of the Warrant and the Notice to the Constables and act on the motions of the following articles.

Article 2. PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
Move that the Town vote to **transfer** from **"Free Cash" $30,000.00 to purchase** and install a snowplow and associated equipment on the **10-wheel dump truck for the Highway Department**.

Article 3. PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
Move that the Town vote to **transfer from the "Building Maintenance Person Wages"** account **to** the **"Town Hall Renovations" account $3,500.00** to carryout ongoing **renovation projects in the Town Hall.**

Article 4. PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
Move that the Town vote to **transfer** from "**Free Cash" $9,450.00** to **replenis**h the **"Reserve Fund"** account.

Article 5. MOVED "TAKE NO ACTION ON ARTICLE 5" PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
Move that the Town **accept** the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53 F½ of the Massachusetts General Laws, to allow the **Northfield Sewer Commission to establish the** sewer as an **Enterprise Fund effective Fiscal Year 2006.**

There being no further business to come before the Town, the Special Town Meeting was dissolved by Moderator Thomas Shearer at 7:09 p.m.

Attest:

Gail V. Zukowski
Town Clerk

BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board of Health spent another year on several ongoing issues.

At the Transfer Station, we continue to work at facilitating the collection of recyclables and trash, while at the same time trying to meet State guidelines, economic constraints and the residents' needs. We have the collection of scrap metal under control, and the Solid Waste District is aiding us in the collection of CRTs (i.e., TVs, computer monitors, etc.), electronics, fluorescent bulbs and old propane tanks, as well as assisting in plans for a Re-Use Shed. A beautification project was undertaken by Stephanie Keep of Smith College.

Once again, the Town's participation in the MRIP (Municipal Recycling Incentive Program) has generated money for Transfer Station/Recycling needs. We continue to provide free recycling bins. The Town participated in District Collection Days such as Bulky Waste, Household Hazardous Waste, and CRTs.

The Board of Health applied for a grant from the Department of Environmental Protection for implementing a Pay-As-You-Throw solid waste program. Meetings were being scheduled to introduce the community to the program during 2005.

The Franklin County Solid Waste District continues to provide money for signs, supplies and additional recycle bins through an MRF mini-grant. Nathan L'Etoile continues to represent Northfield on the District Board.

The emergency preparedness coalition continues to work in conjunction with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and the Executive Office of Public Safety on issues such as bioterrorism. The Board of Health Office is now on the Mass Alert Network. As Co-Chair of the Mohawk Area Public Health Coalition (MAPHCO), Kathryn Bridges is working closely with FRCOG on these matters.

The Board of Health continues to collect mercury fever thermometers in exchange for non-mercury digital thermometers through the Solid Waste District. Also, several area residents have been participating in the program to collect needle containers and distribute empties to them.

The Board issued 932 Transfer Station Stickers, 29 Disposal Works Construction Permits, 11 Installer Permits, 5 Septic Hauler Permits, 5 Camp Permits, 1 Bed & Breakfast Permit, 6 Massage Therapy Permits and 10 Food Permits.

The Board of Health office continues to be open Wednesday evenings from 6 to 8 to provide public access to plans, forms and records, as well as general information.

David Zarozinski and Deb Palmer, the Health Agents through the Town's membership in the Eastern Franklin County Health District, continue to provide professional services to the Town. Their major responsibility is our Food Establishments (inspections and assistance complying with the New Food Code), camps and swimming pools.

Gary Sibilia was appointed as Animal Inspector during this past year.

Tom Walker became our newest member in May. His job as Highway Superintendent gives the Board first-hand access/assistance with some of the Transfer Station issues. Tom replaced Pam Veith, whose experience was very much appreciated by the Board, and we thank her for her service.

DICKINSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

The true highlight of 2004 – among the many wonderful events and entertaining daily interactions – was the installation of our new circulation desk. The desk, designed by Michael Humphries, built by John Edwards (and signed in a secret place by John's 4-year-old daughter) melds authentically with the library's original 1897 red oak paneling. It was funded by a bequest from Pauline (Podlenski) Wicke, the McGowan Trust Fund and the Friends of the Dickinson Memorial Library. The improvements, including a more comfortable height for staff and patrons, as well as an increase from one to two circulation computers for checking items in and out, have helped us to become much more efficient.

Library users in Northfield are incredibly generous and they showed their appreciation for the library in so many different ways this year. We received a number of gifts and donations: books, magazine subscriptions, a DVD player and funds to sponsor programs and purchase library materials. Patrons showered us with a variety of items for our holiday bazaar, books for the Friends ongoing book sale and supplies for our many craft programs. Most astonishingly not one day went by without one patron or another taking the time to tell library staff how much they appreciated both the materials they were able to borrow and the service they received.

The entire library staff consistently provided excellent customer service. Penney Betsold continued to be a driving force in increasing our services to children. With her endless wellspring of ideas for story hours, imaginative after-school programs and her close ties with the elementary school Northfield children are a constant at the library. The monthly displays created by Jane Lyle-Jaworski kept our patrons on their toes trying to figure out the latest themes. As the staff person responsible for chasing down overdue items Jane's understanding kindness belied the fears of even the most delinquent patrons making it easier for them to return their items. Now that Kelly Brassor's other job is at a community college library, we are recipients of all the things she is learning at a larger place. She continued to take care of all the details that give us the accurate statistics we need to improve library services. Not only did Hannah Balk work tirelessly to reshelve the increasing number of library materials that were returned every day, but she was also always willing to take on an endless number of short-term projects, everything from discarding books to copying hundreds of pages of genealogies.

Taking care of the building is a task that grows greater as we constantly increase the number of people who come in and out every day. Tim and Tracey Rogers continued to keep the library spotless - no matter how much mud and dirt and snow were tracked in. Jay Nelson began the never-ending task to taking care of everything from keeping an eye on the furnace to building a storage shed. Tom Walker and the Highway Department constructed new back door walkway and kept our parking lot free of snow.

The library is indebted to all the people who so generously gave their time to the library. We thank the volunteers who ran book discussion groups, called patrons telling them their requests were in, processed books, catalogued local history and made us laugh. The Friends of the Library and the Board of Library Trustees are the bedrock of the library. The Friends continued, tirelessly, to raise funds that pay for the children and adult programming, to update the *Our Town* directory and to hold events that help bring people into the library. Six of the most supportive and dedicated people in Northfield are the members of the Board of Trustees. Their guidance insured this historic building with a strong vision for the future.

While the close of 2004 brought the disappointing news that the Town did not receive the CDBG grant that would have allowed us to install an elevator, the Board of Library Trustees and the library staff have redoubled their efforts to work with the Board of Selectmen to find funding to bring the library into compliance with ADA guidelines. As we continue to grow into our role as a town center we will concentrate on providing Northfield residents with the strong library that is the heart of a strong community.

Total number of Items checked out:	Number of Items Requested from Other Libraries:	Number of Items Sent to Other Libraries:	Attendance:
43782	5470	1654	24433
15% increase	50% increase		9% increase
Number of Programs held:		**Number of times the meeting room was used by community groups:**	
Children	238	165	
Adult	75		

THE TRUSTEES OF THE DICKINSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

If you should want or need to look up the meaning of "library" you might go to Dickinson Memorial Library and open a dictionary where you would find this definition, or something similar:

- A place in which literary, musical, artistic, or reference materials (as books, manuscripts, recordings, or films) are kept for use but not for sale.

For those in Northfield who frequent the town library, this definition might be inadequate, if not inaccurate. The truth about Dickinson Memorial Library is a bit more prosaic and involved. Certainly, the Trustees of the Library think so. We continue to be amazed and gratified by the efforts of the library staff and the devotion of our library patrons. This place could truly be considered by some to be the heart of our community, a place where people come to meet, to think, to read, to listen, to create, to learn. How appropriate it is that our new library cards allow us to carry a picture of this place with us at all times!

Our employees remain the most important resource at the library. Deb Kern, our intrepid Library Director earned herself a trip to Seattle, courtesy of the Gates Foundation, where she attended the Public Library Association conference on *The Internet and Rural Libraries.* She and her staff pursued and successfully attracted grant money from many private and public sources. And they still found time to initiate numerous improvements to the library's collections, programming, and both physical and virtual services. What a great team!

New information technologies are rapidly broadening the means by which Northfielders get information and recreation. The library mirrors those changes. Working with a limited budget, trustees and staff have responded to the increased demand for books on tape and CD, movies/DVD's, and computer services with new materials, computer hardware and software, and the technical support to maintain them.

All ages are rewarded with things that will interest them when they come through the door. Child-oriented events during the year and an impressive list of new reading materials continue to attract children and their parents to the library. We had an author (Karen Hesse), a hospital (Blood and Guts night), a traveling zoo, a visiting youth chorus, the Boston Museum of Science and the Higgins Armory Museum, and last, but certainly not least, the ever popular summer reading program, complete with prizes for young and old(er) alike. In a special attempt to draw in high school age patrons, this year Dickinson Memorial Library participated in the *Story Lines America* program from New Hampshire Public Radio promoting the riches of New England's regional literature.

On the other hand, many things remain much the same as they always have been at Dickinson Memorial Library. And many people like it that way, too. When it became clear that increased traffic and the use of computers required an upgraded circulation desk, the Trustees were determined to design and build a circulation desk in keeping with the feel and architectural beauty of our historic building. Neighbor Michael Humphries was just the guy to do the job. There is no question that the new desk is both utilitarian and beautiful. We are grateful to Michael who worked with us to make the improvements affordable, to Jane Lyle-Jaworski on our staff who served as the liaison on the project, to the donors whose trust funds made the desk possible, and to library patron and master carpenter, John Edwards, who built the desk. Among other caretaking responsibilities, funds were authorized to fix the elegant slate roof, the gutters were cleaned, hot water restored after much too long. . .and flooding in the basement addressed. Many improvements were thanks to Jay Nelson, who came on board this year as a valuable addition to the town's maintenance staff.

The Library continues to host frequent meetings of community groups and town committees. Just to name a few examples, the basement meeting room has been open to meetings of the Boy Scouts, the Greater Northfield Watershed Association, and the Slate Roof Poets. It is getting easier and more attractive to enter the library from the back, thanks to improvements to the parking lot and a new pathway from the parking area. A new shed to house the snow blower ensures that the pathway will remain open all year round. We have begun to look very closely at the environment inside as well, thanks to a $2,500 Preservation Survey Grant. A digital datalogger was installed to track temperature and humidity over 5 months.

It was a disappointing but not fatal blow to the Trustees' enthusiasm for major renovations to the building when, in an unfortunate first, Northfield and 3 other Franklin County towns seeking Community Development Block Grants for Architectural Barrier Removal Projects were turned down by the State Department of Housing and Community Development. Despite favorable comments on the Northfield proposal from the loan review committee, the fact was that only 35 of the 100 grant proposals were funded this year. Working closely with the Select Board and Bruce Hunter from the Franklin County Regional House and Redevelopment Authority the Trustees remain committed to start again to develop a winning grant proposal.

A summary of the year at Dickinson Memorial Library would not be complete without mentioning the hard work and support of the Northfield Friends of the Library (FOL). Just to name a few of the FOL-sponsored fundraising events, in September they held a Brunch/Annual Meeting, in October there was the innovative 'Pocketbook and pocket books sale' and an *Antiques Roadshow* style event at the Elementary School in November. Two FOL members attended the Massachusetts Friends of the Library conference.

Respectfully submitted by,
Jennifer Tufts
Trustee and Secretary
3/1/05

BOARD OF TRUSTEES of VETERAN MEMORIAL MONUMENTS

This year the Veterans monument at the Northfield Town Hall was updated with the addition of three names. Work was performed by Keene Monument. I would like to thank the following members for their time and dedication; Paul Carpenter, Ed Doolittle, Eleanor Dean and John Williams. A special thank you to Thadd Bistrek for his time and service as a trustee.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Ryan

NORTHFIELD SENIOR CENTER & COA

2004 will be a year long remembered at the Northfield Senior Center. Our membership grew by more than 20% as many seniors in town discovered what a true asset this program is for seniors in the community. Dianne Salls completed her first full year as Director. Mary Miller continued to provide outreach services. Carol Cressey became meal site manager.

Mary Jane Porter continued in her role as Chair of the Council on Aging, a group that has offered a watchful over the services, programs and budget of the center. Sadly, the COA said good bye to Mary Ann Wozniak who passed away. She actively served on the board for many years. The COA Board extended a welcome to new members Lisa White and Irene Jurkowski.

Health services became fully established with a monthly Blood Pressure clinics being offered and bi-monthly foot clinics. Judy Flagg shepherded the flu clinic effort so no Northfield seniors seeking a flu shot was turned away in the midst of the vaccine crisis. Health professionals have come to the site and offered help with everything from purchasing the right insurance to being screened for high cholesterol, and hearing problems.

Music began ringing through the halls regularly with a dedicated group of performers volunteering their service including Northfield's own Chris Shepard and Shirley Thompson. Sylvia Curtis and Steve Barber from Bernardston also joined for many special occasions. There's nothing more uplifting on a dreary winter's day than joining a senior sing along to a favorite tunes.

Through a Cultural Council Grant Parlor Crafts began to take hold. Twice a month seniors are invited to experience and express themselves through many different artistic endeavors. The Exercise Program also continued to be offered weekly through Formula Grant and a special grant from Franklin County Home Care.

Many seniors and juniors from the community have volunteered an exhausting number of hours to keep the facility in good order, and programs running including helping prepare more than 5300 meals for the center and to be delivered to homebound seniors. Their dedication to service exemplifies what the senior center programs are all about.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne E. Salls
Director of the COA and Senior Center

SEWER COMMISSION

The Board of Sewer Commissioners set the user's rate at $314.34 per unit for the fiscal year 2004. We had three new sewer hookups this year. At the Annual Town Meeting in May we tried to change the way we are funded, by attempting to go to an Enterprise Fund, but the article was defeated.

We made a number of much needed improvements at the Treatment Plant. These include buying and installing a new system to disinfect the effluent. We are now using sodium hypochlorite (liquid bleach) in place of chlorine gas. This eliminated a large potential hazard and will allow us to control the disinfection process better. We also installed a new oil fired heating system to replace the existing electrical system. This has made the rooms at the treatment plant much more comfortable and saving quite a bit of electricity. Another new improvement we did was to install another Return Sludge Pump. This new pump replaces an original pump that was very prone to clogging. The new pump is identical to the other Return Sludge Pump that was replaced a few years ago. This job was helped considerably by our other new addition to the treatment. We have installed a 3' x 3' hatchway in the Lab floor and an eye-bolt in the ceiling. This has

made lowering and raising equipment and chemicals into the basement easier and more importantly much safer.

In addition to the treatment, we have contracted with an engineer to draw up plans to repair the sewer line on Highland Ave. This has become a priority because the Highway Dept is to going rebuild and repave this road and we will not be able to open the road for a number of years after they are done. By doing the repair in conjunction with the Highway Dept's work, it will save us considerable costs. We are also looking at expanding the collection system into various parts of the Town.

Finally, the Board would like to acknowledge the staff at the treatment plant for their exemplary work in the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Gray, Chairman
Sue Kaczenski
Raymond Zukowski

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

We have had a very productive year. I have worked very hard at making sure that we have a quorum at all of our meetings. Our members are Charlie Blanker, Chair; Bill Walker, Bill Gabriel, Bill Llewelyn, Michelle Matteo, Dave Quinn, and Maryann Wozniak. In June we unexpectedly lost a long time member, Maryann Wozniak. She will be sadly missed. For a few months we worked with a 6-member board but in September we welcomed Joan Deely as our seventh member.

In October, Charlie Blanker stepped down as Chairperson and Bill Llewelyn took on the responsibility. Charlie was nominated as Vice Chairperson.

In November we elected Nathan L'Etoile and Andrew Vernon as Alternate Members. These individuals were interested in becoming members but we had a full board so we voted to elect them as Alternate members, meaning that they may attend all meetings and learn about all the ongoing projects but they do not have any voting privileges.

Our work for the year consisted of:

- 1 Order of Conditions Renewal Hearing
- 4 Certificates of Compliance were issued
- 6 Request for Determination Hearings
    - 1 Positive Finding
    - 5 Negative Findings
- 2 Notice of Intent Hearings

We are looking forward to working for the town in the years to come.

Respectfully submitted by Karin Jarvis, Conservation Commission Assistant

ASSESSORS

ASSESSORS ANNUAL REPORT **YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2004**

TAX RATE RECAPITULATION

TOWN APPROPRIATIONS:		
Raised by Taxation	$	5,807,117.52
Education Offset Items	$	3,672.00
Veterans District Services	$	4,429.00
State and County Charges	$	5,088.00
County Retirement Services	$	119,248.00
Current Year Overlay	$	32,480.28
TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE RAISED	**$**	**5,848,357.80**
ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS:		
Cherry Sheet Receipts	$	489,451.00
Local Estimated Receipts	$	578,500.00
Revenue Sources Specific	$	65,764.00
Other Available Funds	$	441,500.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS	**$**	**1,575,215.00**
TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION	**$**	**4,273,142.80**

CLASS	**VALUATION**	**% OF LEVY**
Residential	2,965,268.27	69.3931%
Commercial	165,334.00	3.8691%
Industrial	973,548.00	22.7830%
Personal Property	168,992.53	3.9548%
TOTAL VALUE	**4,273,142.80**	

The FY2005 tax rate of $13.72 was approved by the Department of Revenue December 28, 2004.

FARM ANIMAL EXCISE	18	**$**	**2,253.39**

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2004

LEVY 2004			
MOTOR VEHICLES			
Issued	3,864	**$**	**326,740.59**
Abatements	115	**$**	**9,777.97**
Exemptions	5	**$**	**948.75**
DEALER PLATES			
Sets Issued	7	**$**	**700.00**
LEVY 2003			
MOTOR VEHICLES			

Issued	252	$	11,448.72
Abatements	19	$	1,055.52

Respectfully submitted,

Eugene L'Etoile, Chairman
Ronald Wickey
Doris Balk
Carol Holden, Clerk

PLANNING BOARD

This year has been a year of Learning and accomplishment with the departure of Bonnie L'Etoile, who became our newest Board of Selectmen member. We had some very knowledgeable shoes to fill. At the same time we were able to welcome to the Planning Board 2 new members, Alan Rogers and Kristy Norwood. Along with current members Matt Bazzani, Matt Duska, and Tom Geser, this gave us a full 5-member board something we haven't had in quite a few years. With a full board in hand we have dealt with the following items:

- Reviewed and accepted 12 ANR (Approval not Required) applications for lot divisions.
- 1 Site Plan Review.
- Public Informational Meetings for Business by Right and Rice Mobil.
- Redesigned all forms and applications.
- Set forth to revise by-laws as needed.
- Also discovered the need for new zoning maps and set forth to acquire these after it was approved at 2004 Town Meeting.

The upcoming year will bring with it items which will affect all aspects of town growth while allowing Northfield to maintain it's loved heritage and atmosphere.

We are all looking forward to the upcoming year and the chance to once again serve this town to the best of our abilities.

We wish to thank not only Bonnie for her guidance but also all of the Board of Selectmen members, and other boards that have given their insight when it was requested.

We would also like to thank Karin Jarvis, our secretary, for her hours of appreciated hard work.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Bazzani Chair
Matt Duska
Tom Geser
Kristy Norwood
Alan Rogers

POLICE DEPARTMENT

I am pleased to be your police chief and it is with pleasure I submit my twelfth Annual Town Report of the Northfield Police Department.

I would like to dedicate this annual Police Town Report to Mr. Richard Holden, who you may know was killed in a tragic accident on Main Street on March 31, 2004.

It is the mission of the Northfield Police Department to provide the best service and safety possible to its citizens, schools, community and visitors and to do so in professional and friendly manner.

As the Chief of Police it is my goal to administer as many programs as possible that are community oriented and will enhance the quality of life of the citizens of our community. I wish to provide a safe and welcome environment where parents can raise their children and feel safe sending them to school. I have a great interest in the safety of our children. I invite all interested citizens to contact me and join the next Citizen Police Academy. This year six people graduated from our Citizen Police Academy.

In 2004 the police department received $48,014.00 in grants from the Commonwealth.

Community Policing: ($40,019.00)

This grant provided the following: purchased 2004 police cruiser and new equipment for the cruiser, extra patrols for special events, equipment replacement/purchasing and the Annual Citizen Police Academy.

Click It or Ticket: ($8000.00)

This grant was awarded and provides funding toward six targeted enforcement periods pre-selected by Highway Safety Bureau $5,000.00 is used for enforcement hours. The remaining funds of $3,000.00 must be used to update equipment. We purchased a new radar unit and street signs around our town.

Automated External Defibrillators

The Town received 5 AED from the State of Massachusetts Public Safety (one for each cruiser and one in the office). All officers are trained in the use of AED.

We were very fortunate to have an association with the Turners Falls Elks. On behalf of the residents of the Town of Northfield I would like to thank the Turners Falls Elks Club for their donation that allowed us to purchase our new radar speed sign for the department. I am sure you have noticed it placed strategically around our Town. I believe this effort will assist in giving people feed back on how fast they are actually going. In our busy lives with our hectic pace, we sometimes do not notice just how quickly we are driving. This speed sign is a little reminder to slow down, keep your self and others safe and enjoy our beautiful community.

In closing I would like to thank all of my officers, the Selectpersons for their support and also the citizens for their support throughout the year and the past years. We look forward to having the opportunity to work with you in the coming years. My door is always open to all residents and if you should have a problem or have concern about a rumor you have heard you can always come in or call the office at 498-5118.

Sincerely, *Chief Gary Sibilia*

CRIME STATISTICS NORTHFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT 2004

	2003	2004
SERVICE CALLS:		
Alarms	125	145
Animals	60	80
Assist Fire Dept	30	28
Assist Medical	104	93
Assist Other PD	166	157
Assist Persons	242	57
Found Property	19	47
General Service	450	488
911 Hang Ups	89	76
Respond PVRS	61	52
Respond NMH	35	6
Vacant House Checks	100	125
Firearms Applicants	200	225
TRAID		11
Check Welfare	22	43
Total	1,537	1,633

POLICE INVESTIGATIONS		
Annoying/Harassing Calls	16	3
Assault & Battery	14	25
Attempted/Possible B&E	4	7
Bomb Threats	5	1
Breaking & Entering	22	14
Suspicious Letter		1

DISTURBANCES		
Domestic	33	32
Neighbor	4	4
Disorderly	17	14
Noise	18	15
Juvenile	31	28

LARCENIES		
Property	32	27
Bad Checks	8	18
Missing/Runaway Pers.	23	5
Rape	2	1
Sexual Assault	5	2
Suicidal Person	3	7
Suspicious Person	19	21
Vandalism	28	18
Weapons/Shots Fired	10	6
Miscellaneous	100	97
Total	391	340

MONEY COLLECTED:		
Fines	35,360.00	35,900.00
Firearms Applications	2,050.00	6,115.00
Insurance Reports	191.00	205.00
Administrative Fees	1,951.00	621.60
Total	$39,552.00	$43,041.60

MOTOR VEHILCES:		
Accidents	90	89
Disabled	100	33
Leaving Scene	7	5
Citations	1207	1327
Warnings	1090	800
Neg. Oper	36	31
Suspicious	40	31
Stolen	3	2
Towed	141	161
Complaints	82	65
Total	2796	2,544

Ride-a-longs	2
Vermont Yankee	
Alarms	1
Training	1

DEPARTMENT ARRESTS:

	2003	2004
Arrest – Adult	115	125
Arrest – Juvenile	33	25

Type of Arrest:		
Assault & Battery	9	10
Assault & Battery on Police	1	1
A&B Dang. Weapon	4	14
Breaking & Entering	4	12
CHINS Warrant		2
Disorderly Conduct	5	7
Larceny	7	4
OUI	24	18
Possession of Drugs	16	22
Property Damage	3	4
Protective Custody	2	1
Attempted Rape	1	1
Sexual Assault	2	1
Receiving Stolen Proper	2	1
Susp./Revoked License	22	23
Trespassing	4	0
Restraining Order Violations	3	4
Warrant	15	10
Weapon Violations	2	1
Other Arrests	24	14

COURT:		
Court Hours	473	396
D.A. Office	14	26
Investigations	36	100
Magistrate Hearings	370	436
Restraining Orders	22	17
Summonses	123	156

RECREATION COMMISSION

The Recreation Commission is committed to providing recreational programming for the citizens of Northfield. The Committee thanks whole-heartedly the many volunteers for their commitment of time and work. Your service to the community makes these programs possible and successful. It is because of our volunteer base that we on the Rec. Committee can implement the majority of our programs. You are important to the community and deserve recognition. It is the volunteers of Northfield which make this town a community. Thank you.

Thank you to Northfield Elementary School, Pioneer Valley Regional High School, NMH, Town Library, and The Unitarian Church for the use of their facilities.

Summer Playground Program served 65 children, kindergarten through sixth grade and employed 11 Northfield teens. This program has been serving Northfield's children for many years. The program runs for 5 weeks during the summer at NES. The children are offered a number of activities to choose from along with field trips to Laurel Lake and the French King Bowling Center. The program was coordinated by Andy Harrison.
The Fall Soccer program was coordinated by Andy Harrison and Kathy Galluzzo.
125 children participated from grades k-6.
The Winter Basketball Program served 63 children grades 2-6 and was coordinated by Dave Adams.
Spring Baseball and Softball Program served over 150 children grades k-6 and is coordinated by Kim Godfrey and Jim Penniman.
Tennis lessons were offered during the summer at the NMH tennis courts.
Family Swim was offered Friday Evenings at NMH and is well attended by the community coordinated by Deb Taricano.
Northfield Youth Theatre is a summer program going into its fifth season. Teens from Northfield and the other PVRSD towns performed an original play directed by Eliza Hussey at Pioneer Valley Regional High School coordinated by Steve Hussey.
Youth theatre--In part sponsored by The Northfield Cultural Council
Yoga is offered at two different venues this year, Thursday mornings at
The Unitarian Church and Thursday evenings at the town hall.
Jazz, Tap and Ballet lessons were offered on Saturday mornings at NES.
The Rec sponsored the third annual bus trip to the Beach and the First
annual Red Sox bus trip.
The Ski Program had 48 participants in it second year of Rec sponsorship.
For the Adults, we continued Monday night Firemen's basketball, Wednesday night Volleyball, Friday night Men's basketball, and adult yoga.
New this year was Martial arts, computer classes, and two nights (M & W) at the PVRS weight room.

Finally, the Rec committee would like to express our sincere thanks to Deb Taricano for her many years of service to Northfield Rec. She has been an instrumental part of the committee and has given hundreds of hours of her time in support of the Town of Northfield. Thank You
Deb.
Respectfully submitted,

Steve Bachinski

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FRED WELLS TRUSTEES

Funds available for the fiscal year 2004/2005 were $228,800 (which includes unused scholarship money from 2002/2003 that was reallocated to the scholarship fund).

EDUCATION: The Trustees received 317 applications for education scholarships and approved 304 students to receive $195,800. This amount includes the two $1000 scholarships in honor of Ralph and Hilda Haskins. The Trustees spent many hours on the selection process to ensure that as many students as possible could receive scholarship aid. Students from Northfield received $9300.

HEALTH: Four Health programs were approved totaling $22,000.

NELCWIT	**$9,000.**
Community Health Center of Franklin County	**$9,000.**
Pastoral Counseling Center	**$2,000.**
Tripp Memorial Foundation	**$2,000.**

AGRICULTURE: An amount of $11,000. was allowed by the Trustees:

Franklin County Agricultural Fair	**$7,055.**
Heath Agricultural Fair	**$3,315.**
Shelburne Grange Fair	**$ 630.**

Respectfully submitted,

Theodore G. Penick
Trustee

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Zoning Board of Appeals is comprised of five regular members and three alternate members. They are appointed for 3-year alternating terms and are appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The Board meets on the second Monday of each month, as needed, for business meetings and as posted for public hearings. The ZBA acts in a quasi-judicial capacity on the issuance of certain special permit applications, petitions for variances from the Zoning Bylaws and appeals from the acts of the Building Inspector. The Board has the power to receive testimony under oath. Most decisions of the ZBA may be appealed by an aggrieved party to the District, Superior or Land Courts.

The Board regretfully accepted the resignation of Dianne Salls on December 13, 2004.

The Zoning Board of Appeals acted on several permits/and or variances as follows:

John Kane 25 St. Mary's Street - May 10th, 2004
Lane Construction, 216 Mt. Hermon Station Rd. - June 7th, 2004
Richard Powers 34 Ashuelot Road - November 15, 2004
Reynold Henry 137 Wannamaker Road - December 13, 2004

On behalf of the Zoning Board of Appeals the Chair Ed Shearer invites anyone who would like to discuss a project or has questions to contact him at 498-2730.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Shearer, Chair	Thomas Russell, Associate Member
Marguerite Lentz, Clerk	Raymond Clark, Associate Member
William Forrest	Robert Barnes, Associate Member
John Nelson	Vivien Venskowski, Administrative Assistant

DEPARTMENT OF
VETERAN SERVICES
CENTRAL FRANKLIN COUNTY DISTRICT
P.O. BOX 392 • 190 MILLERS FALLS ROAD
TURNERS FALLS, MA 01376
TEL: 413-863-3205 • FAX: 413-863-3219

LEO J. PARENT, JR.
Veterans' Agent & Director

Dear Veterans' and Citizens of Northfield:

I encourage all Veterans to register with the VA Hospital now and not wait until it's too late. You can register at the VA Clinic in Greenfield at 51 Sanderson Street, or by calling 413-773-8428 and they will send you an application. You can also call this office for assistance with filling out the Medical Application by calling 413-863-3205.

The Holyoke Soldiers Home is also accepting applications for health care Benefits. They can be reached by calling 413-532-9475. The Holyoke Soldiers Home is a State funded hospital and I encourage all Veterans to apply.

The estimated amount of VA Benefits that were returned to Veterans and / or their Dependents through this office that reside in the Town of Northfield is $ 347,904.00.
This money is used by the Veterans or Dependents to help pay their taxes, house Insurance and their every day bills.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts is still offering the fifteen hundred Dollars Annuity (1,500.00) for 100% service connected disabled veterans, parents of a son or daughter whose death occurred as a result of injury sustained or disease contracted during active service in time of war, insurrection, or combat, and to a spouse whose husband or wife died as a result of injury sustained or disease contracted during active service in time of war, insurrection or combat.

The Franklin Regional Transit Authority provides transportation to Franklin County and Athol Veterans for Medical Appointments at VA Facilities every Tuesday and Thursday. The VA Clinic in Greenfield number is 773-8435.

If you have any questions please call F.M. Kuzmeskus one week in advance at 413-863-2595.

TAX COLLECTORS REPORT 7/1/03 - 6/30/04

REAL ESTATE				
2005	Collected			480.00
2004	Committed		3550332.92	
	Refunds		7090.66	
		Collected		3418224.01
		Abated		20468.50
		Tax Title		4398.49
		Uncollected		114332.58
2004	Pro Rata	Committed	15549.73	
		Collected		4466.45
		Uncollected		11083.28
2003	Balance 7/1/03		69251.36	
	Refunds		342.95	
		Collected		42429.20
		Tax Title		4073.18
		Uncollected		23091.93
2002	Balance 7/1/03		33937.32	
		Collected		23640.01
		Tax Title		1750.54
		Uncollected		8546.77
2001	Balance 12/31/02		13870.12	
	Refund		251.21	
		Collected		12817.03
		Tax Title		756.86
		Uncollected		547.44
PERSONAL PROPERTY				
2004	Committed		158771.77	
		Collected		157600.00
		Uncollected		1171.77
2003	Balance 7/1/03		650.48	
		Abated		48.33
		Collected		254.46
		Balance 6/30/03		347.69
2002	Balance 7/1/03		590.77	
		Collected		9.05
		Abated		51.25
		Uncollected		530.47
2001	Balance 7/1/03		240.70	
		Abated		45.04
		Collected		7.90
		Uncollected		173.72

2000	Balance 7/1/03		240.70	
	Collected			46.42
	Uncollected			194.28
1999	Balance 7/1/03		225.22	
	Abated			33.86
	Collected			51.54
	Uncollected			139.82
1998	Balance 7/1/03		131.39	
	Collected			52.00
	Uncollected			79.39
1997	Balance 7/1/03		121.84	
	Collected			51.64
	Uncollected			70.20
1996	Balance 7/1/03		118.18	
	Collected			41.66
	Uncollected			76.52
1995	Balance 7/1/03		41.12	
	Collected			41.11
1994	Balance 7/1/03		37.66	
	Collected			37.62
1993	Balance 7/1/03		37.21	
	Collected			37.54
1992	Balance 7/1/03		34.29	
	Collected			34.32
1991	Balance 7/1/03		43.10	
	Collected			43.16
1990	Balance 7/1/03		40.46	
	Collected			41.25

CHAP. 61 WITHDRAWAL

2004	Committed	791.35	
	Collected		791.35

FARM ANIMAL

2003	Committed	3295.93	
	Collected		3225.93
	Uncollected		70.00
2002	Balance 7/1/03	81.43	
	Collected		15.00
	Uncollected		66.43
2001	Balance 7/1/03	28.66	
	Uncollected		28.66
2000	Balance 7/1/03	10.17	
	Uncollected		10.17

1999	Balance 7/1/03		56.44	
		Uncollected		56.44
1998	Balance 7/1/03		27.08	
		Uncollected		27.08
1997	Balance 7/1/03		264.99	
		Uncollected		264.99
MOTOR VEHICLE				
2004	Comitted		260774.25	
	Refunds		2260.43	
		Collected		237771.86
		Abated		6033.42
		Uncollected		19229.40
2003	Balance 7/1/03		25627.50	
	Committed		47634.14	
	Refunds		1549.86	
		Collected		67130.38
		Abated		3273.00
		Uncollected		4408.12
2002	Balance 7/1/03		2932.42	
	Committed		1734.39	
	Refunds		18.75	
		Collected		3316.48
		Abated		18.75
		Uncollected		1350.33
2001	Balance 7/1/03		3409.75	
		Collected		1030.80
		Uncollected		1378.95
2000	Balance 7/1/03		1707.98	
		Collected		346.47
		Uncollected		1361.51
1999	Balance 7/1/03		941.72	
		Collected		362.19
		Uncollected		579.53
1998	Balance 7/1/03		1181.24	
		Collected		109.58
		Uncollected		1071.66
1997	Balance 7/1/03		1458.99	
		Collected		222.50
		Uncollected		1236.49
1996	Balance 7/1/03		831.55	
		Uncollected		831.55
1995	Balance 7/1/03		968.55	
		Uncollected		968.55
1994	Balance 7/1/03		344.56	
		Collected		35.00
		Uncollected		309.56

1993	Balance 7/1/03		561.99	
		Collected		8.13
		Uncollected		553.86
1992	Balance 7/1/03		527.58	
		Uncollected		527.58
1991	Balance 7/1/03		534.58	
		Uncollected		534.58
1990	Balance 7/1/03		814.53	
		Uncollected		814.53
1989	Balance 7/1/03		834.96	
		Uncollected		834.96

SEWER USE

2004	Collected			3904.94
2003	Committed		134368.97	
	Refunds		765.56	
		Collected		130378.41
		Abated		564.99
		Uncollected		4191.13
2002	Balance 7/1/03		8168.60	
	Comm. Interest		653.12	
		Collected		7456.06
		Uncollected		1365.66
2001	Balance 7/1/03		1351.21	
		Collected		437.88
		Uncollected		913.33
2000	Balance 7/1/03		170.00	
	Committed Collected		23.80	
		Uncollected		193.80

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara J. Brassor
Tax Collector

TREASURERS REPORT 7/1/03 - 6/30/04

GENERAL ACCOUNT

GREENFIELD CO-OPERATIVE BANK

Balance 7/1/03	18975.94	
Deposits in transit	55721.65	
Outstanding Checks	35011.45	
Balance per checkbook		39686.14

GENERAL INVESTMENT		
Mass. Muni. Depos. Trust	112812.30	
State Street Bank & Trust	290011.46	
UniBank	201919.78	
Greenfield Co-operative	434883.68	
Bank of Western Mass.	101229.06	
INTEREST EARNED - GENERAL		
Mass. Muni. Depos. Trust	1133.96	
State Street Bank & Trust	1144.79	
UniBank	1367.89	
Greenfield Co-operative (sweep)	9231.47	
STABILIZATION FUND		
Balance 7/1/03	10997.48	
Interest earned	203.27	
Deposits	199552.89	
Balance 6/30/04		210753.64
STABILIZATION INVESTMENT		
Mass. Muni. Depos. Trust		210753.64
ARTS COUNCIL		
Balance 7/1/03	1442.54	
Receipts	2000.00	
Interest earned	13.37	
Payments per warrant	2104.29	
Balance 6/30/04		1351.62
GREENFIELD CO-OPERATIVE BANK		
Bankbook balance		1351.62
AERIAL LADDER		
Balance 7/1/03	66.39	
Interest earned	.54	
Balance 6/30/04		66.93
GREENFIELD CO-OPERATIVE BANK		
Bankbook balance		66.93
RECREATION COMMISSION		
Balance 7/1/03	21675.00	
Receipts	16356.50	
Interest Earned	68.37	
Payments per warrant	15339.48	
Balance 6/30/04		22760.39
GREENFIELD CO-OPERATIVE BANK		
Balance per statement	22515.39	
Outstanding checks	0.00	
Deposit in transit	245.00	
Balance per checkbook		22760.39

TRUST FUNDS	Balance	Interest	Int.toTreas	Deposits	Withdraw.	Balance
LIBRARY						6/30/2004
C.Ina Merriman	1713.42	12.68				1726.10
Belcher Funds	14349.68	106.07				14455.75
Chas. Dickinson	4316.22	31.93				4348.15
Maude Montague	3072.55	22.71				3095.26
Marina Stanley	580.30	4.27				584.57
Richard G. Holton	681.01	5.02				686.03
Nfld. Chap. DAR	156.87	1.16				158.03
Ethel Jackson	389.19	2.35			132.36	259.18
Paul Bowman	81342.14	1317.9				82660.04
Giles Mem. Fund	2708.30	20.01				2728.31
McGowan Mem. Fund	9654.18	70.26			1000	8724.44
Dickinson Lib.Build.	4372.24	32.33				4404.57
Pauline Wicke	0.00	17.13		5000.00	5000.00	17.13
Lawrence Trust	0.00	21.34		5000.00		5021.34
CHARITY						
Starkweather	46095.87	340.70				46436.57
George Morgan	15516.29	114.68				15630.97
Elisha Alexander	14177.30	104.79				14282.09
Lottie Evans	8046.35	59.50				8105.85
Roselle Evans	3249.26	24.02				3273.28
SCHOOL						
Belcher Center	3202.33	23.69				3226.02
Surplus Rev. Fund	2535.63	18.74				2554.37
PRESERVATION HISTORICAL MARKERS						
Willis K. Parker	1829.36	10.80			525.00	1315.16
BEAUTIFY MAIN STREET						
Ethel Jackson	1903.14	14.08				1917.22
MARTHA ALEXANDER FUND						
Gfld Savings	55468.63	972.53				56441.16
Gfld Co-operative	3542.15	11.13		748.28	2000.00	2301.56
Gfld Co-operative	34311.29		748.28	2000		36311.29
CEMETERIES						
Center	28703.71	198.71			3168.00	25734.42
West Nfld.	13494.54	100.20	(Sibley)	125.00		13844.74
			(Smith)	125.00		
Pentecost	6277.20	54.55	(Edson)	250.00		7831.75
			(Harris)	250.00		
			(Whitaker)	500.00		
			(Stone)	250.00		
			(Holloway)	250.00		
Nfld. Farms	11101.82	81.82	(Browning)	625.00	1093.50	11090.14
			(Weir)	375.00		
Mt. Hermon	9086.52	67.26	(Fisher)	375.00	450.00	9453.78
			(Elliot)	375.00		
So. Mountain	153.52	1.13				154.65

TERCENTENARY COMMITTEE			
UniBank	871.10	6.43	877.53

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara J. Brassor
Treasurer

SCHOOLS

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

97 F. Sumner Turner Road
Northfield, Massachusetts 01360
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SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Kevin J. Courtney

University of Massachusetts – BA English
Fitchburg State College – Med
University of Massachusetts – EdD Candidate

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ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

Dayle A. Doiron

BA English Literature/French – DePauw University
MHS Administration – Keene State College
Certified School Business Administrator,
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY — **Patricia E. Gardner**

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DISTRICT TREASURER — **Deborah Mero**

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ACCOUNTS PAYABLE/PAYROLL — **Deborah Frentzos**

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CENTRAL OFFICE HOURS

School Days - 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Vacation Days – 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE
2004/2005

BERNARDSTON

CHARLES HAND
231 South Street
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fchand@crocker.com
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Term Expires: 2006

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Elected: 2004
Term Expires: 2008

SABRINA CUTTING
107 Bald Mountain Road
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(413) 863-9898 (w)
cuttings@pioneervalley.k12.ma.us
Elected: 2002
Term Expires: 2006

LEYDEN

RICK FONTAINE
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Leyden, MA 01337
(413) 773-5358
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fontainer@pioneervalley.k12.ma.us
Elected: 2002
Term Expires: 2006

PEGGY KAEPPEL
George Lamb Road
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(413) 624-5564
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kaeppelp@pioneervalley.k12.ma.us
Elected: 2004 (unexpired term)
Term Expires: 2006

MARY GLABACH
East Hill Rd.
Leyden, MA 01337
(413) 774-7704
(978) 423-3326 (w)
mglabach55@yahoo.com
Elected: 2004
Term Expires: 2008

NORTHFIELD

WILLIAM WAHLSTROM
61 Cross Rd.
Northfield, MA 01360
(413) 498-0063
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Elected: 2002
Term Expires: 2006

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129 Winchester Road
Northfield, MA 01360
(413) 498-0112
(413) 626-7721 (cell)
proujanskyj@pioneervalley.k12.ma.us
Elected: 2004
Term Expires: 2008

PATRICIA SHEARER Elected: 2004
101 Pine Meadow Cross Road Term Expires: 2008
Northfield, MA 01360
(413) 498-2092
(413) 774-3724 x250 (w)
shearerp@pioneervalley.k12.ma.us

WARWICK

LINDA GALE Elected: 2004
415 Orange Road Term Expires: 2008
Warwick, MA 01378
(978) 544-3154
linda_gale@schleicher-schuell.com

MARK MAYNARD Elected: 2002
976 Orange Road Term Expires: 2006
Warwick, MA 01378
(978) 544-5752
(413) 376-1123 (w)
(413) 774-2318 x123 (w)
maynardm@pioneervalley.k12.ma.us

JANICE STARMER Appointed: 2004
77 White Road (four year term - appointed until next election - 2006)
Warwick, MA 01378 Term Expires: 2008
(978) 544-8968
starmerj@pioneervalley.k12.ma.us

Pioneer Valley Regional School District
Superintendent of Schools Report

It is a pleasure to submit my seventeenth annual report as Superintendent of Schools for the Pioneer Valley Regional School District.

In 2004 the district's priorities were complying with legislative mandates, securing adequate funding and adjusting to a world in which students and parents have far more educational options than ever before.

The proliferation of legislative mandates is the result of two far-reaching laws-the federal No Child Left Behind Law (NCLB) and the Massachusetts Educational Reform Act (MERA). They require Pioneer, like school districts everywhere, to adapt to a changing environment of more legislative oversight and less local control. Unfortunately the laws contain little new funding and many new requirements. During the past year alone student testing and reporting were expanded, new professional standards for teachers were implemented and the district was evaluated by the office of Educational Quality Assurance.

Pioneer students perform well on the MCAS and other state tests. Our increasing comfort and familiarity with the instruments and our commitment to professional development are paying impressive dividends. Our scores exceed the state averages in most areas and meet the NCLB benchmarks for all subjects and every subgroup. As was the case in 2003, all of our seniors are eligible for diplomas.

Teachers too have new professional requirements in addition to being certified. Novices must pass communication, literacy and subject matter tests. By 2006 all teachers must be "Highly Qualified", requiring significant training and coursework in content areas. The Pioneer staff is well on its way towards meeting the standards and I fully expect that they will do so by the 2006 deadline.

In early December a team from the department of Educational Quality Assurance (EQA) visited us to conduct a formal evaluation. The EQA is a relatively new state agency, created by the governor, to examine

the performance of school districts as measured against fifteen standards and one hundred and seventeen indicators. The evaluation focuses on data, posing two key questions: 1) To what extent is the critical analysis of student achievement data a driving force in the planning, design and implementation of the school district's improvement process? and 2) Are decisions data driven and student centered? It is an exhaustive process that began last spring. We provided the evaluators with hundreds of documents and scheduled interviews with dozens of people. When all was said and done we learned a great deal about our system, but whether it was worth the effort is an open question (not that we had a choice). We think that we did well, but the purpose of this evaluation is to identify problems, not to offer praise. A report is due in March.

Once again in 2004 the voters overwhelmingly supported the school committee's recommended budget. And once again the approved budget allows us to maintain services at our current levels. We are very appreciative of the on-going support of our towns. It, along with our aggressive pursuit of grants, many school choice and tuition students and tight spending controls, has allowed us to avoid the funding crises that have affected so many of our neighbors. Clouds on the financial horizon include the spiraling cost of health insurance and the likelihood of little new state aid in the foreseeable future. We cannot do much by ourselves to influence either situation, but we can work with colleagues and legislators to find solutions. In the meantime we will continue to pursue every available alternative source of funding.

Finally, educational options for parents and students continue to expand rapidly. School choice is now available in every district in Franklin County. There is a new charter school in Greenfield that is adding one grade per year. Home schooling is increasingly popular. And technology, in the form of distance learning and virtual schools, is creating attractive alternatives. To date Pioneer is more than holding its own. We receive far more students than we lose, but it is a constant battle. Our major selling point is the quality of our schools and that includes athletics, the arts and other extracurricular activities. Studies have shown that students, especially high school students, will leave when their favorite activity is reduced or eliminated. The fact that we have not had to do that at Pioneer is one reason why we have been so successful in retaining and attracting new students.

2004 was a good year for the Pioneer Valley Regional School District and, with a little luck, there is every reason to believe 2005 will be as well.

Kevin J. Courtney
Superintendent of Schools

Pioneer Valley Regional School
Special Education 2004

This is my seventh annual report as the Administrator of Special Education for the Pioneer Valley Regional School District. We are currently providing one hundred and ninety two (192) students between the ages of three (3) and twenty-two (22) with special education services. Students who receive services through special education have an identified disability which impacts their ability to make effective educational progress.

Nearly all of the students identified as having special needs, receive a combination of regular and special education services at the four elementary schools in Bernardston, Leyden, Northfield and Warwick or at Pioneer Valley Regional School. We make great efforts to serve children with disabilities in our local schools whenever possible. A small number of students are placed outside of our school district in alternative day and residential placements.

Special education services provided include: academic support, substantially separate reading and math programs, speech and language therapy, psychological services, occupational therapy, physical therapy, services for the deaf, hard of hearing and visually impaired, and specialized transportation. Programming is provided during the school year and for a small number of students in extended school year programs as deemed necessary by the special education team.

During January 2004, a team from the Massachusetts Department of Education spent a full week reviewing the school district's special education services as one part of a Coordinated Program Review. This was a routine visit that occurs approximately every six years for all public school districts. A written report from this Coordinated Program Review (received in April 2004) rated our Special Education Programs positively in almost every area.

I would like to thank the teachers, administrators, specialists and support staff from our five schools. Having well qualified and dedicated teams of educators makes it possible for us to provide high quality special education services.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gordon B. Parker, Ed.D.
Administrator of Special Education

Northfield Elementary School
2004 Principal's Report

I am pleased to submit my second annual town report pertaining to Northfield Elementary School for the period of January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2004. The school year began on September 1st with an enrollment of 283 students in preschool through grade six. The staff at Northfield Elementary School is committed to the education of the whole child. We believe that all children can learn. We are dedicated to planning and guiding experiences that consider individual differences and lead to educational achievement for all students. We encourage balanced growth in academic, personal, and social competence.

Adequate Yearly Progress is a term that refers to the percent of students who are proficient in reading and mathematics. Each year Northfield Elementary must surpass the state target to attain AYP. Northfield students must attain proficiency to meet the goal of No Child Left Behind of 100% proficiency by the 2013-2014 school year. For the school year 2003-2004 Northfield Elementary students attained the required Adequate Yearly Progress.

Working with the School Council, we are guided by the goals and objectives defined by our School Improvement Plan. The council meets regularly on the second Tuesday of each month during the school year at 3:30 in the school. The group is responsible for working with the principal in assisting in setting educational direction for the school, reviewing the school budget, and formulating and updating the School Improvement Plan each year. This document is posted in the front lobby of the school.

This year the subject of the school wide cultural studies program was Africa. This program provided experiences and opportunities to help our students develop a capacity to appreciate the diverse nature, cultures and geographic features found on the African continent. Two popular performers during this program were the Joe Sallins Trio and Amandla. The program ended with a community celebration, potluck dinner and student displays in the school gym.

A consistent program of capital improvements, repairs and maintenance continues to enhance the interior and exterior appearance of the school. The building is well maintained by a superb custodial staff. This year, capital improvements included a new burner for the furnace and an extensive repair to the slate roof on the south building.

In summary, the year 2004 was exciting and productive thanks to the hard work and dedication of the entire Northfield Elementary school staff. In cooperation with the P.T.O, School Council, volunteers, parents and this community, we have encouraged excellence and provided students with a wide variety of outstanding opportunities through which to learn and grow.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas King, Principal

Pioneer Valley Regional School
Annual Principal's Report 2004

I am proud to submit my first annual report for Pioneer Valley Regional School for the calendar year 2004. I am pleased to have been selected as principal here, and I am enjoying the students, the staff, the facility and the communities of Bernardston, Northfield, Leyden and Warwick that comprise this school's membership. PVRS currently has about 550 students in grades seven through twelve and 75 staff members.

I would like to thank Evrett Masters and Dayle Doiron for their work as co-principals on the departure of principal, Gary Snyder. Their work helped Pioneer to continue to focus on fostering respect, responsibility and academic excellence during the period of the principal search. I would also like to recognize the valuable and extensive career of Chris Johnson, who retired in June. Pioneer welcomed new staff of Tom Ziniti in special educator, Karen Poffenberger in art, Dianne Bensen and Dan Franklin in the math department, Nathan Holesovsky for instrumental music, Meg Livingstone in English, John Passiglia in the tech area and Kaeza Fern as vocal music. Grateful recognition goes to Bob Englehardt, who retired his position of athletic director. Those duties were assumed by Mike Duprey in additional to his duties as assistant principal. Mike has also taken on the role of facility director this year. Patsy Casella continues in her role as MCAS and curriculum coordinator, but takes on additional duties as dean of students.

Pioneer offers many opportunities for students to pursue their interests after the school day through a variety of extracurricular activities. This year we are pleased to offer additional choices of a dance team and a table tennis club. Our band program is expanding, with participation in new parades and a return of the pep band to selected basketball games. We also have a new committee (C.I.A – Culture In Action) which is bringing wonderful, diverse music programs into the school. Supporting C.I.A.'s work and many other teacher initiatives in the district is FEE (Foundation for Education Excellence) which is a group made up of community members, parents and educators who raise money and supply grants for educational initiatives. Both CIA and FEE deserve praise for the enrichment they bring to Pioneer.

The math initiative to improve math performance in the Pioneer School District has continued this year. With generous community support, our middle school has two additional math teachers. In the seventh grade, each student receives math instruction twice; a teaching period and an implementation period. In eight grade, math classes are smaller, allowing students to get more personalized instruction. We salute our community for supporting this effort, and our teachers and staff for their hard work with students in all subject areas, which are yielding higher MCAS scores.

I have been amazed at the number of community service hours put in by our staff and students. Pioneer's commitment to meeting the social and civic expectations are evident in a variety of ways. Many organizations have increased community service through running food drives, collecting for Warm the Children, and raising money for the Red Cross to aid others in need. Students and staff alike have taken pride keeping up the building and grounds and extending helping hands to one another. Since my arrival in July, I have seen efforts raise hundreds of dollars for worthy causes, both in the local area and around the world. It is truly inspiring to see this kind of volunteerism.

We are proud to have dedicated the family and consumer science area in the name of a former teacher with a long history of service to Pioneer. Beryl Hammond was a teacher at PVRS for many years, and continues to be active in roles to support the school. The Beryl Hammond Suite of classrooms was dedicated to her in a ceremony last spring. Her former department continued her tradition of service by its efforts to involve the community in school life through teacher Diane Killeen's cable show, Cooking with Pioneer, which aired on local cable access.

Due to the efforts of the class of 2004, we have school spirit boosters of bright panther paws painted on the driveway approaching the school. We also have a new marquis, funded in part through the fund raising

efforts of the PTP, the Parent Teacher Partnership. This marquis will help communicate upcoming events to parents and students as they enter the grounds.

I am grateful for the support I have received from the communities, from the staff at PVRS and from district administration to understand the past here, and to plan for the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl McDaniel-Thomas
Principal

FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

On behalf of the Franklin County Technical School District Committee and its administration, faculty, staff and students, we submit the annual report for 2004. Total enrollment as of October 1, 2004 was 531 students with town calculations as follows: Bernardston-22; Buckland-16; Colrain-25; Conway-11; Deerfield-14; Erving-12; Gill-8; Greenfield-124; Heath-13; Leyden-6; Montague-70; New Salem-14; Northfield-21; Orange-81; Shelburne-15; Sunderland-6; Warwick 12; Wendell-12; Whately-9; Non-District-40 and 1 out of state.

On June 5, the Franklin County Technical School awarded diplomas to all of its 97 seniors. This marked the second year that Massachusetts students were required to pass the MCAS in order to receive a high school diploma, and our students were 100% successful in doing so. After graduation, 40% of the students planned to continue their education, 6% entered the military and 40% entered the work force. Those in positions directly related to their field of study had been among the 20 students taking advantage of the school's work coop program prior to graduation.

During the 2004 school year the students from various vocational programs performed an estimated $58,000 worth of service projects benefiting the various cities and towns of Franklin County. Additionally, the Franklin County Technical School requires that all students must be involved in character building community service activities. To that end students were involved in: the annual "Warm the Children" coat drive, the placement of flags on veterans' graves in Colrain, the annual "Walk for Life" and providing automotive service for low income members of the community. Outstanding students displaying the characteristics of honesty, integrity, respect, responsibility and good citizenship were honored each month as "Character Counts" recipients.

Spring MCAS results continue to be positive. Franklin County Technical School scores in the English Language Arts exam exceeded the state average by 4%. Resulting scores in both the English and the math components of the exam earned the school an Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) determination for the fourth year in a row. Moreover, the Department of Education designated the Franklin County Technical School as a Commonwealth Compass School for the 2004 - 2005 school year due to its overall improvement and achievement in MCAS scores.

As FY04 ended and FY05 began, Franklin County Technical School received a $478,000 increase in Chapter 70 aid. The School Committee then voted to decrease town assessments by 3.3% for FY05 and thus returned $240,000 to member towns. These funds were also used to restore some of the programs cut in FY04 and to restore sports and student activities.

In November of 2004 the school was visited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges for our 10 year formal review and evaluation. The school will get its official results in the spring of 2005. Our self-evaluation did point out the need for major building renovations and repairs and it will be interesting to see how the NEAS&C report rates the school facilities. The School Committee has finished a feasibility study for a "Building Renovation and Expansion Project" and the Building Committee will be working with

our member towns to address these recommendations over the next five years. In the meantime, there will be future requests to meet capital project needs on an annual basis as budgets and funding requests permit.

Franklin County Technical School continues to meet its mission of providing challenging academic and vocational programs despite the need for long term facility renovations and equipment upgrading. We remain a vital part of Franklin County's economic development by providing a trained and responsible work force. We thank each and every citizen of Franklin County for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Richard J. Kuklewicz, School Committee Chairman
Dr. Steven M. Johnson, Superintendent

FRANKLIN COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

To the Residents of the Solid Waste District:

The Solid Waste District was formed in 1989 to help Franklin County towns manage all aspects of their solid waste – recyclables, organics, hazardous waste, wastewater treatment sludge, and trash. We continue to provide assistance to the twenty-one member towns through administrative support, professional consultation, trainings, and outreach to residents and businesses.

In addition to the above services, the District continues to oversee the operation of three permanent collection sites for common household hazardous wastes such as oil-based paint and paint-related products, used motor oil, oil filters, antifreeze, fluorescent lights, ballasts, and rechargeable batteries. These sites are open year-round to all District residents. There is a small disposal fee. The sites are located in Bernardston, Colrain, and Conway. Contact the office for operating hours for each site.

In 2004, District towns recycled approximately 2,700 tons of paper and 1,200 tons of mixed containers. By diverting a total of 3,900 tons of recyclables from landfills and incineration, District towns collectively saved over $250,000 in disposal costs. Additionally, when markets are good, towns receive a share of the revenue from the sale of recyclables on the commodity market. Overall, recycling still makes good economic sense for District towns.

The District held its annual household hazardous waste collection in October. On-line registration continues to be popular. Almost 400 residents participated at the four regional sites.
The next hazardous waste collection will be held on September 24, 2005. The fourth annual "Clean Sweep" bulky waste collection was also held in October. Again, there were approximately 400 participants. We collected 65 tons of appliances, scrap metal, bulky items, electronics, tires, and propane tanks! This collection will again be held in 2005.

The District now provides free sharps disposal boxes to residents in order to keep this waste out of the trash and recycling. We also distribute free containers for holding used motor oil. We continue to sell backyard compost bins and recycling bins.

Some new programs for 2005 include collecting and disposing of unused prescription medication, encouraging pallet reuse and recycling, and hosting a workshop on maintaining healthy lawns without using pesticides.

If you have questions about the District and its programs, call us at 772-2438; visit our website at franklincountywastedistrict.org; or visit us at 50 Miles Street in Greenfield.

Jan Ameen - *Executive Director*
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FRANKLIN REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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As your voluntary governmental membership organization, the Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG) is pleased to offer this submission to your town's 2004 Annual Report.

As an obligation assumed at the formation of the FRCOG, all municipalities in Franklin County must pay a **Statutory Assessment** to cover the unfunded liability of the Franklin County Retirement System and the health insurance cost of Franklin County retirees, until October 31, 2004 when the state assumed this cost. Member municipalities voluntarily pay a **Regional Service Assessment** to finance the many services and programs provided. The FRCOG's total assessment to towns remains lower than the involuntary assessment of the last year of county government in 1996. Moreover, the FRCOG's ability to access state and federal funding allowed the FY 2004 assessment of $334,301 to generate revenues of $2,845,909.

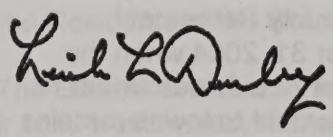
The FRCOG offers many core services to member towns as well as optional fee-for-service programs. **Planning Services** include economic development, land use, natural resources and transportation planning as well as computerized mapping services. **Community Services** include engineering, cooperative bidding and purchasing, regional health and building inspection services, teen advocacy, and core services that allow us to work on special projects and advocacy for member municipal governments. The following are brief highlights of some of the FRCOG's accomplishments of 2004:

- The Cooperative Bidding and Purchasing Program provided services to twenty-four member and three non-member communities as well as one fire district and one regional school district for fuel, highway materials, dog tags and licenses and technical assistance.
- On July 1, 2004, the FRCOG brought the Franklin County Cooperative Inspection Program under its authority. This program provides enforcement services to member communities for building, electrical, plumbing and gas codes, zoning, and architectural handicap accessibility. A record 1,042 building permits were issued in all participating towns, up 120 from 2003. For more details, please see the separate report submitted by the FCCIP.
- The FRCOG served local Boards of Health in a number of ways: as Host Agency for the regional Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coalition; through the Regional Health Inspection Services Program; and through the Capacity-Building Workshop series that provided continuing education for Board of Health members from eighteen member communities and two non-member communities.
- The Engineering Program assisted the twenty-six Franklin County communities with technical support for many road projects including research, discontinuances, county road actions and design work as well as other technical assistance. In addition, the engineering program presented a work zone safety practices workshop to twenty-six highway department employees from eight towns, and prepared legislation for a statewide solution to existing county roads issues.
- The Planning Department staff provided a wide range of services reaching all Franklin County communities for bikeways, pedestrian assessments, Route 2 safety improvements, and Mohawk Trail and Connecticut River Scenic Byways. They also administered contracts for Executive Order 418 Community

Development Plan preparation for participating communities and facilitated the annual update of the Franklin Region Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), which maintains the region's eligibility for federal Economic Development Administration funding for economic development projects.

- In 2000, at the request of all twenty-six Franklin County municipalities, the FRCOG formed the Franklin County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC). Since then the FRCOG has become involved in many areas of emergency preparedness including the Federal Bio-terrorism Initiative, First Responder Training, Haz-Mat Response Exercises, Franklin County Community Emergency Response Team training, and fiduciary responsibility for the Western Regional Homeland Security Council.
- The FRCOG staffs the Community Coalition for Teens (CCT), which provided many teen services including the Franklin County Teen Health Survey, the Social Norms Marketing program, a science-based substance abuse school curriculum, the SMART Recovery program for youth with substance abuse issues, the Safe Homes network, and various Teen Pregnancy Prevention programs. Staff also facilitated the 13th annual youth conference attended by 370 youth and adults from the four counties of Western Massachusetts.

The Franklin Regional Council of Governments is committed to providing the best possible service to its member towns and to the region. For additional details about the specific FRCOG programs, projects, and services utilized by your community please contact us for our 2004 Annual Report at 413-774-3167, ext. 100.



Linda Dunlavy, Executive Director
Franklin Regional Council of Governments

ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT
TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
BALANCE SHEET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

GENERAL FUND

ASSETS				LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE		
Cash & Investments				Warrants Payable		115,733
Gfld Co-op Bank- Checking		39,686		Accounts Payable		98,398
Tax Collector Checking		200		Accrued Payrolls Payable		11,011
Gfld Co-op Bank- Sweep Acct.		434,884		Fees Payable		95
Bank of Western Mass		101,229		Payroll Withholdings		(1,365)
MMDT-Combined Investment		112,812		Other Liabilities		
State St- Oth S/T Inv		290,011		Unclaimed Checks	3,890	
Unibank Investment Acct.		201,920	1,180,742	Bid Bonds	3,941	7,831
Cash Due To/From Oth Funds		(115,205)	(115,205)	Deferred Revenue		
Accounts Receivable				Property Taxes-Prior Yrs	(453)	
Personal Property Taxes				Property Taxes 1997	(194)	
Prior years	734			Property Taxes 1998	(52)	
2002	530			Property Taxes 1999	(52)	
2003	348			Property Taxes 2000	(1,142)	
2004	1,172	2,784		Property Taxes 2001	(10,861)	
Real Estate Taxes				Property Taxes 2002	1,537	
2001	547			Property Taxes 2003	15,835	
2002	8,547			Property Taxes 2004	101,796	
2003	23,092			Property Taxes 2005	(480)	
2004	114,333			Tax Liens	44,247	
2005	(480)	146,039		Special Assessments	11,083	
Allowance for Abate & Exempt				Motor Vehicle Excise	35,991	
Prior years	(1,116)			Other Excise	524	
2000	(1,337)			Sewer Use	286	
2001	(11,583)			Sewer Liens	2,473	200,538
2002	(7,540)			Fund Balance		
2003	(7,605)			Res-Debt Excl Ammort	26,062	
2004	(13,708)	(42,889)	105,934	Res-Continuing Approps	180,077	
Tax Liens		44,247	44,247	Res-Expenditures	300,000	
Ch59 Sec2D Spec Assmnt		11,083		Unreserved	327,986	834,125
Motor Vehicle Excise		35,991				
Farm Animal Excise		524	47,598			
Sewer Use 2003		4,191				
2004		(3,905)				
Sewer Liens		2,473	2,759			
Other Assets						
Prepaid Expenses			165			
Due from Other Towns			126			
			1,266,366			1,266,366

HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS FUND

ASSETS		LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE	
Cash- due to/from Genl Fund	(3,050)	Accounts Payable	0
Due from Comm of Mass	566,095	Deferred Revenue	566,095
		Fund Bal-Ch53A	(2,000)
		Fund Bal-Ch53B	(1,050)
	563,045		563,045

TOWN GRANTS FUND

ASSETS		LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE		
Arts Council Savings	1,351	Accrued Payrolls Payable		567
Cash-due from Genl Fund	19,780	Fund Balances		
		Arts Council	1,550	
		Police Mobiliz Det	122	
		Cte Crim Justice	91	
		Police Vest Reimb	70	
		Cmty Policing	3,982	
		Police Reg Stdy	1,000	
		DARE	482	
		COA	1,473	
		Library LIG/MEG	5,526	
		Title V Septic	5,631	
		Bd of Hlth-MAPHCO	637	20,564
	21,131			21,131

RECEIPTS RESERVED FOR APPROPRIATION

ASSETS		LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE	
Cash-Due from General Fund	68,212	Fund Balances	
		Sale of Real Estate	5,569
		Sale Low Value Land	98
		Sale of Cem Lots	55,884
		Dog Fund	6,661
	68,212		68,212

REVOLVING FUNDS AND GIFTS

ASSETS		LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE		
Recreation Checking	22,760	Unclaimed Cks- Rec Revolv		40
Ladder Fund Savings	67	Warrants Payable		243
Cash-Due from Genl Fund	29,789	Fund Balances		
		Rec Revolv	22,281	
		Ladder Gifts	67	
		Police Gifts	22	
		Drug Forfeiture	8	
		Childrens Book Gifts	1,079	
		Historical Comm Gift:	57	
		Maint Cem Markers	580	
		Library Gifts	1,745	
		Misc. Donations	16	
		EMT Gifts	170	
		COA Gifts	5,368	
		NHM Emerg Serv	7,500	
		Vt Yankee Training	59	
		Vt Yankee Civil Def	1,000	
		Vt Yankee Emer Mgm	2,771	
		Cons Comm Wetlands	6,799	
		Map Framing Gifts	105	
		Veterans Memorial	2,706	52,333
	52,616			52,616

TRUST FUNDS

ASSETS		
M Alexander-Checking	14,839	
M Alexander-CDs	80,215	
P. Bowman-Invest. Acct	82,660	
Trust Funds- Invest. Acct	211,937	
Cash-Due from Genl Fund	474	
		390,125

LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE		
Accrued Payrolls Payable		0
Fund Balances- Non Expendable		
PC Center Cem	15,638	
Belcher Cem	2,000	
J Cowles Cem	2,000	
C Stearns Cem	500	
F Lane Cem	202	
PC West Nfld Cem	6,302	
Priest, et ux Cem	7,292	
L Holton Cem	101	
PC Nlfd Farms	10,102	
PC Mt Hermon Cem	5,725	
M Callander Cem	500	
PC Pentecost Cem	7,850	
PC So. Mtn. Cem	100	
Bowman Library	78,193	
Belcher Library	9,739	
C Dickinson Library	3,000	
M Montague Library	2,010	
DAR Book Fund	100	
Holton Library	500	
McGowan Library	8,182	
Charity- Various	21,450	
Surplus Rev- School	1,600	
Belcher Ctr. School	2,000	185,086
Fund Balances-Expendable		
PC Center Cem	5,324	
PC West Nfld Cem	(220)	
PC Nlfd Farms	853	
PC Mt Hermon Cem	3,505	
PC Pentecost Cem	(18)	
PC So. Mtn. Cem	55	
Bowman Library	3,439	
Belcher Library	4,717	
C Dickinson Library	1,408	
M Montague Library	1,292	
DAR Book Fund	180	
Holton Library	243	
Merriman Library	1,484	
E Jackson Library	259	
M Stanley Library	585	
R Giles Library	2,728	
McGowan Library	542	
Library Bldg Fund	4,405	
C&P Lawrence Libry	5,021	
P Wicke Library	17	
M Alexander Charity	88,104	
L Evans Charity	7,106	
G Morgan Charity	12,631	
R Evans Charity	2,773	
M Starkweather Char	38,437	
E Alexander Charity	12,282	
Surplus Rev- School	954	
Belcher Ctr. School	2,824	
E Jackson- Town	1,917	
W Parker-Mnt Mrkrs	1,315	
Tercentenary Comm	877	205,039
		390,125

STABILIZATION FUND

ASSETS		LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE		
MMDT Investment Acct	210,754	Fund Balance-Res for Expenditure	141,500	
		Fund Balance-Undesignated	69,254	
	210,754			210,754

AGENCY FUNDS

ASSETS		LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE	
Cash-Due from General Fund	0	Police Outside Detail Payable	0

GENERAL LONG TERM DEBT

ASSETS		LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE		
		Bonds-Issued 7/92 School	1,020,000	
		Bonds-Issued 7/92 Sewer	120,000	
Amts to be Provided for Pmt of Debt	1,532,564	Bonds-Issued 7/93 Sewer	392,564	1,532,564

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